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Draft Estimates Show \$246,000.00 Deficit, Rates Up 40 per cent ?

At last week's Altona Shire Council meeting Cr. W. L. J. Crofts enlarged on the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of September 16, which were before the council.

He pointed out it was the first finance meeting he had attended and much discussion centred around the draft estimates prepared by the Finance Committee of the previous period. (In the re-shuffle of committee members following the August elections, Cr. Crofts was appointed to the Finance Committee for the first time and elected chairman.)

At this stage the draft estimates are showing expenditure in excess of income announced Cr. Crofts. He added that the reason so much time has been taken up in discussing the estimates is that the expenditure shows an excess of \$2-300,000.

This is a serious matter said Cr. Crofts and the seriousness of the situation is appreciated by all members of the committee.

He said that in fairness to himself and the committee he made it quite clear that he did not want to see any rise in rates and he indicated he would oppose such a decision at this stage.

Cr. Crofts considers the Shire should live within its income.

He said he was asked to explain his statements and he requested that the draft estimates be further investigated.

This took time, some items were increased, some decreased and now all were agreed to, said Cr. Crofts. Then owing to his illness the meeting was adjourned.

This is an interim report pointed out Cr. Crofts.

The estimates are still showing \$246,000 excess of expenditure over income and this is not taking into account any major works such as the Altona North recreation reserve, said Cr. Crofts. Major works could cost a lot in one year or could be spread over two years.

Cr. W. G. Cresser said, "Do I take it work will not proceed on the Altona North recreation

reserve?"

POINT OF ORDER!

"Point of order!" interjected Cr. G. den Dulk, "I am under the impression we are considering the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting and if so I should second this."

Cr. den Dulk then said although he did not agree with all of Cr. Crofts remarks, he would formally second the adoption of the minutes as printed and attached to the agenda for that night's council meeting.

"I oppose the adoption of the report," said Cr. H. W. Lee. He asked Cr. Crofts: "Is it not a fact you studied the council finances prior to the election?"

"Yes, I did peruse previous reports," answered Cr. Crofts. "Were you associated with the suggestion that rates will rise if not in competent hands?" asked Cr. Lee.

"Yes" from Cr. Crofts.

Cr. Lee then asked Cr. Crofts to explain the swimming pool and more facilities on reserves mentioned on his election manifesto.

Cr. Lee said it was his contention that Cr. Crofts suggested certain facilities for recreation reserves be dropped from the estimates.

He accused Cr. Crofts of saying the swimming pool and reserve facilities could be achieved but there would be no rise in rates.

He continued, "You have the audacity to say there will be no rise in rates, you make an arbitrary statement that you are going to oppose it, how do you explain that the council should keep its work within its income?, there is no suggestion how it can be done" continued Cr. Lee.

"I do not make decisions on these matters on my own, it is for the Finance Committee," said Cr. Crofts.

"This does not answer the question," alleged Cr. Lee. Cr. Lee continued, "He made certain claims that if the finance is placed in competent hands these sort of things would be provided with no rise in rates, has said he will oppose any increase in rates which is incompatible with his public statements."

"I do not see the joint," said Cr. Crofts, who pointed out that the committee was still in the process of studying the draft estimates.

OPPOSE A RISE

Cr. Lee said, "You have made the suggestion that you would oppose a rise in rates in spite of the fact beforehand that you claimed you could provide certain facilities, but you say you will not support a rise and give no indication of how this can be achieved."

I quote council policy as voiced by Cr. J. J. Ginnifer and

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A COMPARISON

Altona news in the "Altona Star" on September 29 was 452 inches.

Altona news in the official organ for the same date totalled 185 inches.

Cr. H. W. LEE

In view of the various interests involved we thought it most desirable to give an almost verbatim account of certain of Cr. Lee's statements at the last two council meetings.

We ask the indulgence of our readers in this matter. In future we hope to carry out our usual procedure of allowing him the space his remarks merit.

All extraneous and repetitious matters will be omitted.

ELECTION ON SATURDAY

The by-election for the State Assembly seat of Grant will take place next Saturday, October 8. Cr. J. J. Ginnifer, A.L.P. Candidate, is being opposed by Mr. J. F. Davies, of Mt. Macedon, representing the Republican Party.

Voting is compulsory and the whole of the Shire of Altona and Laverton comes within the boundaries of Grant. (See Page 14.)

ALTONA HOSPITAL RECEIVES \$1000



Mrs. Kay Fowler, president of the Altona District Hospital Ladies Auxiliary, hands over a cheque for \$1000 to Mr. Ray Rivett, chairman of the Committee of Management, at the annual Hospital Ball held at the Fiesta Ballroom last Thursday night.

Part of this money, which was raised by auxiliary members over the last 12 months, will be used to completely furnish the new ward under construction at the hospital.

Guests at the ball included the Shire President, Cr. S. G. McIntosh and Mrs. McIntosh, Shire Secretary, Mr. J. W. Waters and Mrs. Waters, Cr. W. L. J. Crofts and Mrs. Crofts, the Werribee Shire President, Cr. J. Bellin and Mrs. Bellin, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rivett, and secretary of the Committee of Management, Mrs. E. Roach and Mr. Roach.

(Photo by Edd Warden—68-1996.)

Cr. LEE APOLOGISES — IN PART

In view of the interests involved, we have thought it fitting to publish a detailed report of the Barry Sutton proceedings without any comment.

At the Altona Shire Council meeting on September 13, Cr. H. W. Lee accused Mr. Sutton of a "breach of ethics on the night of the Presidential Social Evening." He accused Mr. Sutton of supplying to the "Star" the exact photograph Cr. Lee alleges he asked the photographer to take for the "Footscray Mail."

The council then adopted a motion appointing Mr. K. Roper official photographer for the Shire.

The following letter from Mr. Sutton appeared on the agenda for the council meeting on September 27—

"I wish to clarify the report printed in the 'Altona Star' September 15, 1966, in which it is stated that at a council meeting I was accused of a breach of ethics. As my business ethics have never been challenged or criticised before, I wish to state the following facts in relation to

my conduct on this occasion.

"I was commissioned by the Shire Secretary to take photographs of the installation of the Shire President at the Shire Offices. At the conclusion of the council meeting, I was approached by a representative of the 'Mail' who wanted a photograph of the Shire President standing on a chair with other councillors congratulating him. All photographs taken on this evening were printed on Monday and delivered direct to the Shire Offices. Enclosed is a copy of a delivery receipt signed by Mr. Waters' secretary when the photographs were delivered to the Shire Offices.

"NO copies of ANY of these photographs were made available to the 'Mail' or the 'Altona Star'. I have no control over the distribution of photographs after they are delivered and signed for by the client, which was your Shire. I consider it would have been a breach of ethics on my part if I have sent a photograph to the 'Star' without first showing it to the Shire Secretary who had commissioned my services for the evening, and I definitely did not do it this time.

"I also feel that the Shire Secretary may not have desired a photograph of this type to have been used to portray an official evening and it would not be my intention to send any photograph to any paper that could cause personal embarrassment to the council or those photographed.

"The photograph used by the 'Altona Star' was a group taken later in the evening of the Shire President and his family and not the photograph requested by the 'Mail' of the Shire Presi-

dent standing on a chair being toasted. This photo was also delivered to the Shire Offices.

"I would like to conclude by pointing out that I have been commissioned by many firms, large and small, in a position of absolute trust and ethical procedure over many years and I have never been challenged or criticised. I would appreciate it if council would place on record that no breach of ethics was made and on the contrary that I acted correctly in handling all photographs to the Shire Secretary's office so protecting at all times the confidence placed in me by a client. I also hope that the council sees fit not to discontinue with my present services which I value greatly."

SHIRE SECRETARY CONCURS

Shire Secretary, Mr. J. W. Waters, added his comments on the letter, he said—

"I concur with the statements made by Mr. Sutton. The photographs were delivered to the office on a Monday and in accordance with my instructions were immediately delivered by an officer of the council to the 'Altona Star' with the request that a choice be made of photo or photographs suitable for reproduction in that week's issue of the 'Star.' I was not aware that any photographs had been particularly requested by the 'Footscray Mail,' but if the 'Mail' had contacted this office I would have automatically permitted them, or for that matter, any other newspaper, to inspect all of the photographs with a view to selecting the photograph deemed most suitable for their readers. Incidentally, Mr. Sutton will not make prints of photographs which have been commissioned by clients, unless the client authorises him so to do."

When Cr. H. W. Lee rose to comment on this item at the meeting on September 27 he opened by saying he was trying to see the matter in its right perspective.

He said there seemed to be a misunderstanding and he was prepared to admit he had misjudged the situation to this degree.

He admitted he thought the photograph had been delivered to the 'Star,' but had since learnt that all the photographs taken on the night of the presidential social were delivered to an officer of the Shire.

However, he alleged it did not alleviate the position that the photographer was not acting for the Shire at the time the photograph was taken.

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ALTONA HOCKEY CLUB'S BEST AND FAIREST TROPHY WINNERS



Mr. Ron Ford, president of the Altona Hockey Club, stands among the Best and Fairest players in the club's senior and junior teams. From left to right (back row): V. Swanson (A Reserve), A. Moss (C West), Mr. Ford, P. Egan (D North), R. Ford (Under 16), B. Smith (C North). In front on the left: J. Trickey (Under 12) and I. Bennett (Under 14). (Photo by Barry Sutton—65-6017.)

EDITORIAL

A Great Responsibility

Some weeks ago there occurred in the Altona Shire Council meeting the incident which our reporter rather felicitously described as a free-for-all.

Here on a matter of procedure a number of councillors (who had been strangely silent on the main issue—the "Star's" alleged misdemeanors) tangled with Cr. Crofts in an undignifying manner. Finally Cr. Crofts won his point.

After we had finished smiling, we had a second thought. Is this the treatment to which this councillor is to be submitted?

Our fears were re-inforced when at another stage Cr. Lee indulged in offensive abuse of Cr. Crofts which was at least tacitly condoned by the president.

Similar tactics were employed at the next meeting.

A lengthy, premature, futile and repetitive discussion culminated in Cr. Lee apologising to Cr. Crofts. Cr. Lee said, "I am prepared at this stage to make a withdrawal and apologise, but I will get around it another way. I apologise."

Cr. Crofts knew when he was elected that he could expect his views to be contrary at times to those of the other councillors. But is he also entitled to intimidatory tactics as these?

Cr. Crofts is but one man. But at the last election almost half the ratepayers voted for him.

He has thus a great responsibility. His prime province is assisting in the governing of the Shire. The work of the Shire must go on.

In this we believe he will do as he promised. He will do all he can to assist the council and to co-operate in all efforts for the Shire of Altona.

The other councillors will do less than justice to themselves if they fail to meet him half way. They may disagree with him and out vote him, but as a fellow councillor he is entitled to undiscriminatory treatment.

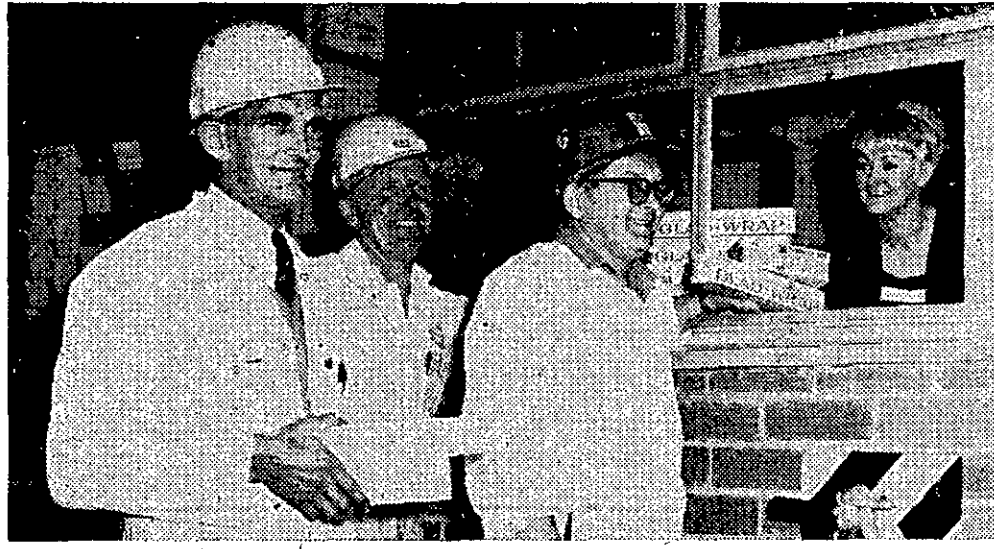
If we read Cr. Crofts correctly he would not like to be one against (councillors). He would rather be one among nine for the good of Altona.

Cr. Crofts has a responsibility to Altona, to the ratepayers who voted for him and to himself. This last is all important.

In keeping his integrity, in accepting the frustrations of a minority councillor, in playing his part, he will be true to himself, the ratepayers and Altona.

We know we are speaking for the people of Altona generally when we say he is entitled to a "Fair Go."

EMPLOYEES FIRST TO TRY U.C.A.'s LATEST PRODUCT



Union Carbide Australia Limited receptionist, Mrs. June Stephens, is pictured handing out sample boxes of the new "GLAD" products to employees coming off shift.

Every employee of Union Carbide Australia Limited was presented with a sample box of each of the new products to take home and thereby took part in the largest program of advertising of a product of this type ever undertaken in Australia.

A joint venture by three of Union Carbide's divisions, starting with the polyethylene plant at Altona, and taking advantage of the production, technical and marketing skills of each division, resulted in the development of this latest venture, "GLAD" wrap and "GLAD" sandwich bags. Both of these products have special qualities which make them unique in Australia. "GLAD" wrap clings to itself and also to most kitchen containers to form a moisture tight seal and keeps food and leftovers fresh for days. "GLAD" sandwich bags have a special "fold-lock" top which seals sandwiches in the bag and prevents them from drying out or perhaps more important in school lunches, from falling out.

It is interesting to note that Union Carbide are the first outside of the U.S.A. to make and sell "GLAD" products, although they have been successfully marketed in the States since 1962.

Employees very quickly had an opportunity to try out their sample packs at the social club's car trial and picnic which was held on Sunday—it was put to several uses, from wrapping the barbecue chops and sausages, keeping the salad fresh, to the en route snacks and sandwiches.

ALTONA WORKING MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Fashion Parade

Another Fashion Parade, organised by the Associate Section and sponsored by Eve Gwendoline, of Railway Street, Altona, will be held in the Altona Working Men's Club next Wednesday, October 12, commencing at 8 p.m.

Kath Johnson, a member of the Associate Section, will compete the show and three members of the advanced group in the Associates' Yoga Class will give a display during the interval.

Programs for this show, at 50c each, including supper, are now available from members of the committee and can also be obtained from Eve Gwendoline's Fashion Shop in Railway Street, or from the club office.

CLUB "CLEAN UP"

Sunday morning, October 16, from 10 a.m. till 12 noon, will be another operation clean up within and around the club building.

Within the next week or so a big outside painting job will be underway and it also is hoped to have the building and immediate surrounds looking the best for any possible visits by distinguished guests in the very immediate future.

Furthermore, the big social event of the year, the Club Anniversary Celebration, is close. Special arrangements are being made for this and, therefore, members must do their best to have everything up to the usual high standard of a clean and tidy house.

The Third Annual Spring Flower Show will also be catching up with members and this in itself demands that all weeds, long grass and other rubbish be cleared away from the building.

At least 30 men, organised in four gangs armed with their gardening implements and wheel barrows, are required for a couple of hours on the 16th.

GARDENING SECTION

The October meeting of the Gardening Section meets on Friday, October 14, this being the last monthly meeting before the Flower Show. A 100 per cent. turn up of gardening members and any other members interested in helping on the day of the show are required.

SPECIAL MEETING

Members are reminded that there will be a special meeting to consider changes in the Articles of Association on Monday, October 17, commencing at 7.45 p.m.

THE ANNIVERSARY DANCE

Saturday, October 22, is the date for the Club Anniversary Celebration and this year something very much different to previous anniversary celebrations is anticipated.

Once again the services of accomplished compere, Telford Jackson, and a first-class three-piece dance band have been secured. The celebration will be cabaret style, with dancing and vocal items.

It is a pleasure to also announce that a popular local artist Andrew Todd, will be present on this night.

An appeal is made to all members and friends to obtain their tickets now for this outstanding social event.

Tickets are \$1 each, which includes an excellent supper.

ANOTHER BEETLE DRIVE

Another beetle drive will be held on Friday, October 28, at 8 p.m. Donation tickets are 30c each, including tea and biscuits after the drive.

ALTONA SPASTIC AID COMMITTEE

The Altona Spastic Aid Committee will meet at the Homestead, 128 Queen Street, next Tuesday afternoon October 11, at 1.30 p.m. New members are always welcome.

The Altona Branch of the Country Women's Association will hold their October meeting next Monday, October 10, at the Homestead.

Members who wish to have a social luncheon together meet at 11 a.m. (bring their own lunch) and the meeting proper commences at 1.30 p.m. Meetings are open to all residents.

R.S.L. To Show Films

A reminder to residents of the film show at the Altona Sub-Branch RSL Hall this Saturday night, October 8, at 8 p.m. to raise funds for the trip to Tasmania being organised for the boys of 4A at the Altona High School.

The all colour programme will feature Jerry Lewis in 'The Nutty Professor'. Supports will be coloured featurettes.

Tickets—adults 50 cents, children 30 cents, are available from the school or the RSL Hall. Sweets and drinks will be on sale.

BETA SIGMA PHI

Tremendous enthusiasm has been aroused locally by the Art Exhibition which is being sponsored by the Williamstown Branch of the International Women's Organisation, Beta Sigma Phi.

Over one hundred entries have been received and these include oil paintings, water colours, sculpture, pottery, wood carving, copperware, enamelled ware and china painting. Local schools have been invited to exhibit and most have accepted the invitation.

Many of the artists live locally but some from other areas who like to paint about the picturesque Williamstown water-front also have entries in the exhibition.

The exhibition will be held in the Supper Room of the Williamstown Town Hall on Sunday afternoon, October 9, from 2-15 p.m., and on October 10 and 11 from 10 a.m.—9 p.m.

Mrs. Andrews, Secretary of Chis-Lon Spastic Children's Centre, will officially open the Exhibition on Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m.

Admission will be free but catalogues at 20 cents each will be on sale and proceeds from these will aid the Chis-Lon Spastic Children's Centre at Seddon.

NEW HOSPITAL BOARD MEMBERS

Two new members have been appointed to the Altona Hospital Committee of Management.

Messrs D. K. Grant and R. Stringer both of Blyth Street have taken the place of two members who retired from the Board.

Members who retired were Mr. A. W. Langshaw and Mr. R. Watson, both former councillors of the Shire.

1st Altona Guides

An appeal is made to parents whose daughters have guide uniforms which are no longer being used, to contact Mrs. L. Carruthers, 62 Upton Street, Altona, 65-8795.

The company would appreciate it if these uniforms could be purchased cheaply for present guides.

Altona residents are asked to support the Local Association's current effort to raise funds to guess the name of the doll displayed in the window of Mrs. Barrow's Toy Shop in Pier St. The winner will be announced at the fete in November.

Next meeting of the Local Association is at the home of Mrs. Rose Keeshan, 69 David Street, Altona, at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 12.

Seven guides enrolled during the months of August and September—Pam Lyall, Marion and Carolyn Hatfull, Janice Burke, Susan Noble, Denise Hutton and Glenda Harrington.

Cheryl Young has gained her second class badge and has become pack leader to the 2nd Altona Pack.

Service stars were awarded to several guides and Ray Hartley gained her knitters and cooks' badges.

A day out to the "Pines" was arranged during the September school holidays. Guides who attended had an enjoyable day. Beside cooking and firefighting, tracking and scouts pace testing were all part of the day. It is hoped to arrange another such day this month.

BADGES PASSED

Golden Bar: Robyn Heyme and Vickie Muscwa; Road Safety: K. Studley, J. Rice, L. Drane, K. Jepson, C. McGuckian, R. Smith, A. Noordine, C. Rice, L. Webb, N. Colvin, A. Morris and S. Golacki; Swimmers Badge: S. Golacki and L. Webb; Musician: B. Colvin and Roslyn Smith.

First Year Star: K. Jepson; Third Year Star: B. Colvin, J. Rice and K. Studley.

One brownie is on transfer from Geelong and another from Yarraville.

Susan Sinnitt, Ruth Scott, Debra Scott, Janet Lilt, Debra Young, Christine Morris, Glenda Wishart, Janet Morgan—these tweenies received their Golden Badge at the enrolment ceremony, which their mothers attended.

Voluntary Giving Helps School

Since 1957 when Mr. G. H. L. Trevaud began as Altona Primary School head master, \$14,000 has been spent on equipment for the school.

The sum raised by the School Committee, parents and the Mothers' Club is \$8000. By raising this money the school has been able to take advantage of Government subsidies available.

Main items purchased have been two pianos (\$450), playground equipment (\$160) and the library (\$6000).

No Additional Classrooms Yet

There appears to be no likelihood of the two promised additional classrooms being built at the Altona West Primary School within the next year.

Nor has any consideration been given to the provision of a portable classroom for 1967 the Hon. Cr. A. W. Knight, M.L.C., has been informed by the Minister of Agriculture.

On September 20 the Assistant Minister of Education, Mr. J. Rossiter, advised Cr. Knight that the additional classrooms for the school were on the building program. However, in view of the large number of other urgent cases, there appeared to be no likelihood of the work beginning during this financial year.

Mr. Rossiter said the priority of the case would be reviewed along with others when the new building program is being prepared in May, 1967.

Following this information, Mr. Knight asked a question in the Legislative Council on the subject.

The Minister of Agriculture replied—

Two classrooms are included in the building program but it is not intended to call tenders in the present financial year, or until prospective enrolments justify this step.

Also, existing accommodation is considered adequate for the

Power For Campers

At Blackwood

Power is now available to sites at the Blackwood Mineral Springs caravan park and camping ground.

Showers, laundry, sewerage, electric light, power and fire-places have been provided for holiday makers.

Fees are a moderate 40c per day and a maintenance fee of 20c per day for each car.

All profits from the fees are used for improvements to the area.

Geelong to Play Altona in Soccer

On Sunday Geelong Scottish will come to Kim Reserve to play Altona for the Dow Shield.

Last year the Scottish defeated Altona at Geelong, so you can rest assured that the locals will be all out for revenge and it looks like being a good game, especially since the Geelong side won their district cup last Saturday.

Altona were the guests of the Morwell Soccer Club at the weekend and a wonderful time was had by all. The hospitality shown Altona and the large crowd who turned up to see them play shows the high regard the Maroons are held in.

Kick-off time for Sunday's games are 1 p.m. for the Reserves and 3 p.m. for Seniors.

2nd BROOKLYN BROWNIE PACK

Linda Thomas has passed her Golden Ladder.

Lynette Scovell and Ann Fairchney have been presented with their second year stars. Sandra Wilson has received her first year star.

Kristine Schaser was welcomed to the pack on transfer from Newport, and Michelle Newbound, Robyn Mayne and Kerry Douglas are now Queenies. Valerie Wilson and Michelle O'Brien are new second sixers. Linda Thomas is a new sixer for Fairies.

Carol Strickland, Carol Jones and Anne Davis have passed plant growing for their Golden Hand.

Rhonda Chadwick and Michelle O'Brien have passed clothes folding. Kristine Schaser has passed table laying.

Michelle O'Brien also passed skipping, and her and Rhonda Chadwick have been presented with Golden Bars.

Mrs. Strickland will be holding a Beautiflora demonstration at her home, 20 McDonald Ave., Altona North, at 8 p.m. on Thursday, October 21, in aid of the building fund. All are welcome.

Meeting of A.H.S. Form 2 Parents

An important meeting of the parents of Form 2 students at Altona High School has been arranged for Wednesday, October 19, 1966.

Course available for students continuing on to Form 3 will be fully discussed and parents will have the opportunity to ask questions.

This evening will greatly assist parents in the all important decision of choosing the right course for their children.

St. Eanswythe's Youth Fellowship

Members of St. Eanswythe's Youth Fellowship are planning a trip on Puffing Billy for next Sunday, October 9.

Total cost of train fares will be \$1.70 and the trippers are to bring a picnic lunch.

Members will meet at the Altona station at 7.30 a.m. and will arrive at Emerald at 12 noon.

A fellowship meeting will be held on the same night at 8 p.m.

Mr. Ray Parry, publicity officer for the Young Anglicans Fellowship central body, will speak on a subject of great importance to the fellowship. Supper and recreational activities will follow.

enrolment expected in 1967, and accordingly no such arrangements have been made to provide temporary classrooms at the school.

If there is a substantial increase in the enrolments for 1967, the provision of a portable classroom will be considered.



The Social Whirl

If you have any news of a birthday, engagement, wedding, or social event, it can be included in these pages. Phone 65-8277—there is no charge.

HOCKEY HAS LARGE FOLLOWING



(Photo by Barry Sutton—65-6017.)

Smiling happily after being named best and fairest players of the three, Altona Ladies Hockey teams are (left to right) Julie Pratt (D Reserve), Carmel Molloy (D North) and Kristine Harley (B2).

After attending the Altona Hockey Club's presentation dance last Saturday night it is clearly evident that hockey is a flourishing sport in Altona and will continue to flourish for many years to come.

More than 300 adults and youngsters watched presentations to players in the club's 10 teams—seven male and three female—and to coaches and members for outstanding service during the year.

Players from the club's early days in the 1930's are still actively engaged with various aspects of the club and a number of their sons and daughters are among present day team members.

No doubt there are also many potential players among the number of younger children belonging to the ardent hockey families who were present on Saturday night.

Guests of the evening included the Shire President, Cr. S. G. McIntosh and Mrs. McIntosh, the Shire Secretary, Mr. J. W. Waters, president of the Victorian Ladies Hockey Association Mrs. James, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Purser, of Greensborough Hockey Club, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hill, M.C.C. Hockey Club, and Mr. and Mrs. M. Sundstrom, of the Moorabbin Club.

TROPHY WINNERS

A RESERVE
BEST AND FAIREST (H. & L. Weaver Trophy): V. Swanson; MOST CONSISTENT: D. Bartlett.

C NORTH: B. Smith; E. McCauley. **C WEST:** R. Voss; R. Symons. **D NORTH:** P. Egan; J. Golden.

BEST JUNIOR CLUBMAN (Tony Docker Trophy): B. Forrester.

BEST AND FAIREST UNDER 16 PLAYER (Robert Trickey Memorial Trophy): R. Ford; MOST CONSISTENT: B. Forrester. **UNDER 14:** I. Bennett; W. Duncan. **UNDER 12:** J. Trickey; G. Richardson.

BEST IN GRAND FINALS: C NORTH, F. Ranger; **UNDER 16:** W. Lenszyn; **UNDER 14:** J. McDonald; **UNDER 12:** S. Jensen.

The Altona Hockey Club would like to thank the following people for their assistance during the 1966 season—The Ladies Auxiliary; bottle and paper drive workers and donors, Shire Council; Mr. F. Jumpertz; "Altona Star," H. & L. Weaver; umpires and Altona Petrochemical Company; and the Shire Secretary for his assistance re the P.A. system.

The car fridge was won by Mrs. Boyd.

LADIES HOCKEY

The president of the Victorian Women's Hockey Association, Mrs. James, presented the trophies to players in the three ladies' teams.

Awards were won by—

B2 GRADE

BEST AND FAIREST: Kristine Harley; **MOST CONSISTENT:** Vi Smith; **MOST IMPROVED:** Kerry Smith.

Captain of the team, Vi Wing, presented a gift to the coach, Mr. Sel Ashman.

New Headquarters For Music Society

The publicity officer of the Altona Music Society reports the group has been allocated the rent-free use of the old council chamber in the Homestead as permanent headquarters for the A.M.S.

Other sections of the Homestead also will be used depending on their availability.

However, no musical activities which could create a noise nuisance will operate after 7 p.m.

The A.M.S. is now officially fostered by the Altona Shire Council and is entitled to any benefits the council can reasonably give towards its development, advised the publicity officer.

The pop night and theory conducted on Tuesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. in the Civic Parade Youth Centre has become so popular that students have requested the musical director, Mr. Peter Pearce, to arrange a second night each week.

Wednesday evenings, from 7.30-9.30 p.m., the choir meets in the Presbyterian Church Hall in Civic Parade.

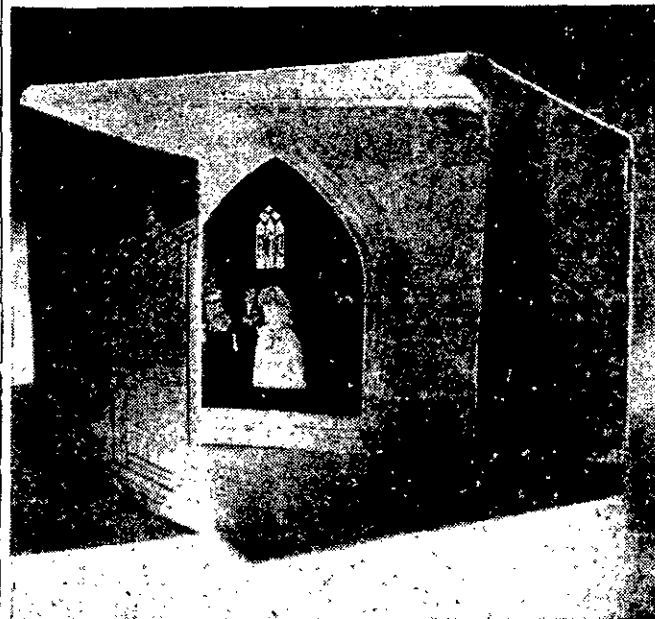
Teachers are in short supply and urgently needed. Mr. Pearce is instructing advanced students at headquarters on Sunday afternoons. These students will possibly teach some of the beginners.

Mrs. Rose Keeshan, assistant theory instructor, reports her class has already completed the first section of theory.

Most of the present activities of the A.M.S. are confined to Altona and the committee is considering how to include Altona

APPROACHING MARRIAGE

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hill, of 141 Maldstone Street, Altona, have pleasure in announcing the coming marriage of their eldest son, Brian, to Margaret, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Ross, of North Caulfield, at Nuptial Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Dandenong Road, East St. Kilda on Saturday, October 8.



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TWENTY-FIRST BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mr. J. W. Waters, Shire Secretary, and Mrs. Waters, entertained 101 guests at a 21st birthday party in the Civic Hall on Friday, September 30, on the occasion of the 21st birthday of their elder son, Robert James.

Robert assisted his parents in welcoming the guests, who comprised mostly fellow students of the second stage: Architectural Group at R.M.I.T.

Present were friends and relatives from country areas.

During the evening, Mr. Ern Waters, a brother of the host, proposed the toast to Robert. The cake was cut to the usual songs and congratulations and later, all guests signed a 21st birthday book which was comprised of two hinged polished wood covers. The Escorts Or-

chestra supplied the music for popular and mod dances.

Relatives present included Mr. and Mrs. Ern Waters and sons Greg and Steven, Essendon; Mr. and Mrs. John Waters and son John and daughters Cheryl and Sue, Ashwood; Mr. and Mrs. Irvine Absalom, John and Graham, Warrnambool.

Messages of congratulations were received from Uncles Reynolds, Mt. Gambier, S.A., and Robert in Sooke, B.C., Canada; and Aunts Jean, Watermans Bay, W.A., Ursula, Eastwood, N.S.W., and Mildred, Bendigo.



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With his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Waters, and younger brother, Keith, beside him, Robert Waters is ready to cut his 21st birthday cake at a party in the Civic Hall last Friday night.

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Miss Ceryl Hall, one of the Altona Apex Club's guest speakers at their last meeting, is shown above with some of the children she taught in New Guinea.

Two young ladies who served for a year as volunteer school-teachers in New Guinea told a story of the joys and the trials that went with their work in an address to Altona Apex Club last week.

The speakers were Miss Ceryl Hall and Miss Carole Fraser, who served for a year in New Guinea with the Overseas Service Bureau.

Miss Hall, who is now a full-time official on the "home-front" of the bureau, said that their work in New Guinea called for duties outside that of their role as school teachers.

"We started a youth club, we ran Guides and Brownies, we tried to be nurses and we tried to help build an airstrip," she said.

When they left the island of Kwato, the dusky people with whom they had lived and worked for a year gave them a touching farewell.

A song which they sang for the departing Australian's made the plea, "Kwato calls on the youth of Australia to lead and to teach us to lead".

Miss Hall explained that the Overseas Service Bureau dealt with countries as far distant as Africa, South-East Asia, New Guinea and the Solomons.

Young people with a trade or profession offered their services. They were sent to meet a need in such fields as health or education in a country which appealed for their services.

They went there for a one year or two-year term. They passed on to the poor country the advantages of their western trade or profession — something they were quite prepared to do for little more than their fares and expenses.

She said that a planeload of people heading for New Guinea had been termed a "plane-load of goodwill". Its passengers would meet people in another country and contribute to their welfare.

"An irrigation pump which helped produce food might develop a fault", she said. "It might have to lie idle—merely for the want of a semi-skilled person to repair it."

"A young Australian boy of 18 might be able to get that pump going."

Miss Hall told how—

● In Africa, Zambia had a university, with an enrolment of students who were very keen—and remarkably intelligent. The bureau was "in on the ground floor of a pioneering venture."

● Ethiopia was in desperate need of trained nurses.

● Western learning helped transform one group of 300 people from a "life of hopelessness to vitality and interest in life".

● One young lady volunteer in New Guinea, called upon to assist the natives, wrote to her father, a doctor in Australia, to "please send me a book on complicated midwifery".

Miss Hall said that the OSB had no trouble getting young people to offer their services.

"Last year we had 70 Australians we wanted to send away," she said. "But we had sufficient money only to send 30. It appeared that we would just have to tell 40 of these volunteers that they would not be able to go."

"Then, almost on the last day in November the Federal Government offered to give an annual subsidy. We were able to send all of them."

She reported that a great number of poor countries were crying out for help.

The other volunteer, Miss Carol Fraser, a teacher at North Williamstown Primary School before her term in New Guinea, has now resumed teaching in Melbourne.

She gave a pleasant, feminine commentary on their year at a New Guinea school.

"When we inspected the guides there wasn't much uniform to inspect," she said. "They had neckerchiefs—but no hats and no shoes."

One day a boy caught a big snake and ran weilding it aloft after some of the girls in the school yard.

"Those girls could not be found for the rest of the afternoon," she said.

She said that the New Guinea folk looked on the whiteman's penicillin as all powerful. For the teachers, it meant they had to try to give injections as best they could.

Mr. Eric Symons said in thanking the speakers that they had added a "sparkle to the meeting that we have not seen for a long, long time."

The addressed were heard by members of other Apex Clubs in District 1, which includes Melbourne and Geelong clubs. The eight clubs of the district have pledged themselves to assist the work in 1966-67.

Increase in Jury Fees To Be Considered

The Law Department is examining various aspects of jury service including an increase in the fees paid to jurors.

This information was revealed following a question in the Legislative Council by the Hon. Cr. A. W. Knight, M.L.C. He asked if consideration had been given to increasing jurors' fees and if so, when is it proposed to increase such fees.

The Minister of Agriculture replied that the Attorney-General expected to receive a comprehensive report on aspects of the jury service, including jurors' fees, from the Law Department within a few weeks.

A decision will be made as soon as practicable after the report has been considered.

Special Sermons

Special sermons are being preached at St. Eanswythe's Church of England, Altona in the coming weeks.

Some understanding of the Old Testament is important, the Vicar believes, and he has devoted his evening sermons to October to this subject. Last Sunday, October 2, he discussed Adam and Eve in the light of modern scientific and Biblical research, and future sermons will be on the subjects of Moses the Lawyer, David the King, Cyrus the Foreign Helper and the Jews in the times of Jesus Christ.

A somewhat unusual series of addresses is taking place on the second and fourth Sundays each month at Morning prayer. They are Children's Addresses entitled "The House on the Right Side of the Road", and they concern the adventures of Young Churchman, a Christian Knight on the road of life who is given pieces of armour to fit him for his journey.

The novelty is that at the end of this service the children are given replicas of the piece of armour to "clothe" the Knight they already possess.

3rd Altona Cubs

Members of the 3rd Altona Cub Pack took part in the District Athletic Sports at Werribee last Saturday, October 1, and entered all events with great enthusiasm.

Congratulations to Malcolm Hart who came second in the Under 11 75 yards. Well done, Malcolm.

The most hilarious event was the Cub Novelty Event in which the pack had several starters. The event consisted of getting dressed, crab crawling, egg and spoon, book balancing and somersaulting and some tremendous effort was put forward by the competitors.

Although the pack did not end up as successful as they had hoped, each boy learned a very valuable lesson in being "good losers." Ricky and Baghera once again had reason to be proud of the pack as unsuccessful competitors came back with a smile on their face after doing their very best. This is a most important aspect of cubbing and the boys came through with flying colours.

Talking of Ricky and Baghera, they'll have to go into training for the Lady Cubmaster's Sprint next year—they put in a grand effort too and the boys were proud of them.

Altona West Kinder. Meeting

The next meeting of the Altona West Kindergarten Mothers' Club will be held on Wednesday, October 12, at 1.30 p.m.

Miss A. Ridsdale, of the Altona Primary School, will be guest speaker.

The next beetle night will be held on Thursday, October 13, at 8 p.m.

ATHLETIC TRIALS FOR BOYS

All boys of secondary school age from the Williamstown, Altona, Newport, Spotswood area can be tested at the Williams town Amateur Athletics Club's ground on Sunday, October 9, for their "Athlete's Medal".

Trials over four events will be held, and boys equaling or bettering any of the standards below will receive the award.

Timetable:
9.00 a.m.—100 yds., 11.5 secs.
10.00 a.m.—High Jump, 4ft. 9 in.
10.30 a.m.—880 yds., 2 min. 25secs.

11.00 a.m.—Shot Put, (8 lb) 38ft.

These trials are part of the Club's recruiting drive, and parents are welcome to attend as spectators at the track, Woods Street, Newport. Officials will be on hand to answer any questions about the club.

An award will also be made to the local school from which most pupils better the following marks—100 yards—12 secs., 880 yards—2 mins. 40. High Jump—4 ft. 3. Shot Put—28 ft.

All who take part will receive an invitation to the Athletic Club's pre-season social and film night the following week.

Seaholme Primary School

The annual Bazaar was a huge success last Friday.

The winner of the Guess the Weight of the Tin competition was (12½ ozs.) Mr. Howell, 14 Civic Parade, Altona.

And the winner of the Baby Layette competition was Mrs. Osbourne, 30 Chifley Avenue, Altona.

The Mothers Club wishes to thank every one who helped in any way to make the Bazaar run so well, especially those who not only donated gifts but also gave up such a lot of time to the effort.

DISPLAY OF TOYS AND BOOKS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

The Altona Baptist Play Centre has arranged a special display of finest quality educational toys and picture-story books to be held at their hall in Sargood St., on Thursday, October 13, at 8.00 p.m.

You are invited to be present and inspect the type of toys and books recommended as the most suitable for gifts. The toys are provided for display by a company which specialise in supplying kindergartens with strong and sensible toys which are required to withstand much hard wear.

By ordering during the display you can solve most of your Christmas shopping worries without making a trip to the city.

Parents may order any of the toys or books displayed and their parcels will be delivered to the kindergarten at a later date most suitable to them.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

The majority of the members of the local congregation of Jehovah's witnesses are spending five days this week at the "God's Sons of Liberty" District Assembly being held at the Exhibition Buildings, Melbourne. This assembly is also being attended by delegates from all over Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania and southern New South Wales.

The local presiding minister, Mr. Denis stated that before the gathering ended on Sunday, there would be nearly 24 hours of Bible instructions, including discourses, discussions, dramatizations and interviews. Items of special interest on the programme were "How Well Do You Know Your Faith?", "What Influences Decisions in Your Life," "Maintain Proper Christian Balance" and "Appreciating Sacred Things."

Many of the talks are also being given in the German, Greek and Italian languages.

It is expected that there will be approximately 6,000 people in attendance on Sunday to hear the highlight of the gathering "What Has God's Kingdom Been Doing Since 1914"?

This lecture will be delivered by Mr. J. Essendon, a one time resident of Essendon, who is now the branch overseer of Jehovah's witnesses in Australia.

DRAMA GROUP ACTIVITIES

If you are not already a member of the Altona Drama Group, but would like to join, come along any Monday evening at 8 p.m. to the Presbyterian Church Hall.

This will be the permanent club night and all kinds of activities are planned to form this into a theatre workshop where many aspects of stage-craft can be practised. If you had been there last Monday for instance you would have seen one group rehearsing a play, one group designing and making costumes, and still another group painting scenery.

The cast of "Price of Perfection," including Helen Logan, will be performing in Frankston this week at the Victorian Drama League Festival and have been invited to take part in a program at Williamstown on November 3, 4 and 5, together with the Williamstown Little Theatre and another group. The following week, on Friday, November 11, the Altona Drama Group will present two one-act plays at the Civic Hall and it is hoped that Williamstown will also present their current one-act play production.

As well as this the A.D.G. are holding a supper dance on Saturday, October 15, at the Altona R.S.L. and tickets may be obtained from the Altona Toyland in Pier Street.

With the growth of the group and the possibility of hosting other drama groups to provide entertainment in Altona, negotiations have been re-opened with the Altona Shire Council to provide more facilities at the Civic Hall, with special emphasis on stage-lighting and it is reported that the council has invited representatives to attend a meeting of the Parks, Foreshore and Properties Committee with a view to discussing the A.D.G. proposals.

Altona North High P. and C. Meeting

The Parents and Citizens Association of Altona North High School meets at the school on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.45 p.m. The next meeting is on Tuesday, October 11.

The School Fete will be held at the school on Friday, October 14, from 4.30 till 9.30 p.m.

Special features include a mannequin parade (with emphasis on international costumes), an art display and a wild life exhibition as well as lucky dips, indoor games and other money-raising activities.

A variety of stalls has been arranged by children and parents. Go along and join in the bargains in groceries, cakes and other items.

There will be plenty to eat and drink and people wishing to have their evening meal at the bazaar will be catered for.

Remember—Friday, October 14.

ELDERLY CITIZENS TO HOLD CONCERT

Next Friday evening, October 7, commencing at 7.45 p.m., a grand concert will be presented in the Altona Elderly Citizens' Club rooms by the All Star Concert Party. Entrance donation will be 30c adults and 15c for children. Supper will be provided.

The quarterly meeting of the social committee will be conducted in the clubrooms on October 19 at 1.30 p.m.

Members have been on several outings in recent weeks. A number of them visited the House of Friendship in Footscray and following a concert in the afternoon were provided with afternoon tea.

Fifty-seven played bowls and cards at the Y.M.C.A. last week. Afternoon tea closed a wonderful day for this group.

Last month the committee and workers of the club were treated to a picnic trip to Bendigo by P.R.A.—all voted it one of their best outings.

Altona Refinery Entertains Elderly Citizens



Thirty-seven excited elderly citizens of Altona set out last Monday for a day in the country. They are members of the Altona Elderly Citizens' Club, who were guests for the day of Petroleum Refineries (Australia) Pty. Ltd. The group were taken by bus to Bendigo, where they lunched at the Shamrock Hotel. In the afternoon they visited the Elderly Citizens' Club of Bendigo and then did a quick tour of the country side. This is the seventh year that Petroleum Refineries has entertained elderly citizens of the Altona community. The company also takes out the Williamstown Elderly Citizens' Club for a day, which was held earlier this year.

ALTONA NORTH HIGH SPORTS PROSPECTS

On Monday, October 10, and Thursday, October 13, the combined high schools of the western metropolitan area will hold their athletic sports meeting at Olympic Park.

Altona North High enters these sports with very high hopes of doing well, especially in certain selected events.

HIGH JUMP

Mr. L. Malakunas, of Altona, who teaches science at the school, has, in his spare time coached the girl high jump team to a very high standard. Mary Cassar, Julie Robertson, Ria Erkamps and Veronica Feth are all capable of jumping 5ft., while Malita Goschinski, Karen Honeyman, Doris Borg and Rhonda Olcarn are all capable of 4ft. 6in. or better.

John Hicks, of Form 4A, has been consistently jumping in excess of 5ft. 9in., while Under 14 Adrian Cox has also been jumping well.

LONG JUMP

In the boys long jump Neil Laffey, Barry Bolger, John Hughs, Ian Laffey and Adrian Cox have been jumping consistently well.

The girls long jump team has considerable strength with Helen Laffey a record-holder in Under 13, 14 and 15 age groups, this year competing Under 16. Jennifer Ramoser has been jumping 16ft. and is training hard.

OTHER FIELDS

In an inter-school invitation meeting held last Wednesday with Footscray High, Princes Hill High and St. Bernard's C.B.C. taking part, Ron Wood putt the shot 43ft. 8in., which should place him among the leaders.

Of the girls Helga Grossgut and Helen Laffey have been performing consistently well.

TRACK EVENTS

SPRINTS: Also at the invitation meeting last Wednesday several of the A.N.H.S. sprinters did well. Neil Laffey, Jennifer Jones, Helen Laffey and Doris Borg and Anne Morton gaining first placings.

DISTANCE: David Holdsworth won the 880 yards in very convincing style, while Jenny Jones, Helen Laffey and Doris Borg gained first placings in 220 yards events. In the 440 yards events Neil Laffey, Alex Chodan and Ian Laffey gained first placings.

RELAYS: This year the relay teams are expected to do well as they have been showing excellent form. Of 12 races held recently Altona North relay teams won six with three second placings.

Altona Tennis Club's Teams

A GRADE

Altona v. Newport at Altona: R. Graham, C. Trickey and H. Melouney. J. Parkinson, M. Harrington and L. Findlay. (Emergencies: M. Kelly and O. Kelly.)

A RESERVE 1

Altona v. V.R.I. away: M. Kelly, J. Kelly and R. Turner. O. Kelly, P. Trickey and B. Angus. (J. Trickey and S. Adcock.)

A RESERVE 2

Altona v. Central away: J. Trickey, A. Angus and I. Harrington. S. Adcock, G. Cronin and J. Bourke. (B. Mellington and G. Thomas.)

B SPECIAL

Altona v. Power Street away: B. Mellington, J. Wild, and P. Parkinson. T. Gunn, G. Thomas and J. Spackman. (Y. Wild and R. Newgreen.)

B GRADE

Altona v. Roberts Street, away: D. White, A. Pimpini and K. Walsh. S. Morrow, J. Hill and S. Rose. (C. Harrington and J. Grant.)

JUNIOR BOYS TEAMS

Altona No. 1 v. Y.M.C.A. at Altona:

J. Trickey, G. Findlay, W. Thomas and R. Snowling. (Emergency: P. Sawyer.)

Altona No. 2 v. Maidstone, away:

C. Wood, C. Sutton, P. Sawyer and T. Findlay. (P. Court.)

Altona No. 3 v. Diggers at Altona:

L. McKinney, M. Penfold, G. Crofts and R. Groves. (L. Plichta.)

JUNIOR GIRLS TEAMS

Altona No. 1 v. Diggers away:

M. Orchard, J. Walker, B. Sandilands and J. Neale. (S. Keown.)

Altona No. 2 v. Youth Club at Altona:

B. Walker, J. Critchley, L. Smith and A. Rafferty. (S. Keown.)

Altona No. 3 v. Youth Club away:

R. Webb, J. Wise, H. Shields and D. Crofts. (C. Gischus.)

Players not available please notify the emergency and also Mrs. L. Findlay (398-1048).

Junior practice will be held on Monday from 4 to 6 p.m.

SPOKE ON UNICEF

Mrs. Joan McKenzie, a member of the United Nations Association, spoke to the Altona Baptist Ladies Guild last Wednesday week on UNICEF.

A contributor to the United Nations Children's Fund since its beginning, Australia is now both a donor country and, for the first time, a recipient of UNICEF aid, which will be directed to the expansion of general science teaching in the Territory of Papua and New Guinea.

Under a UNICEF-approved plan, children living in Papua and New Guinea, some of them from regions where magic is still universally accepted, will be able to begin the "leap across the centuries" through lessons in elementary science. One thousand primary schools will receive simple science sets supplied by UNICEF.

Two thousand primary school teachers will be given one year refresher courses and, after returning to their schools, will continue their studies by correspondence.

General science teaching in the Territory's 60 secondary schools will be strengthened through the supply of supplementary equipment for science laboratories and tools for the local fabrication of simple apparatus.

The UNICEF Executive Board has approved a total commitment of \$U.S.275,000 to this program, over a three years period, of which the sum of \$U.S.176,000 has been allocated for 1966-67. The Australian Government will match UNICEF's contribution with the expenditure of the equivalent of \$U.S.825,000 over the three year period.

Laverton Briquette Depot May Resume Operating

Although part of the briquette loading equipment near the Laverton railway station has been removed it now appears consideration is being given to restoring the plant to full working order.

This latest move was learnt by the Hon. Cr. A. W. Knight, M.L.C., after he asked the Minister of Agriculture when the rest of the loading mechanism would be taken away.

The Minister informed him that it had been intended to remove the equipment and part of it was, in fact, removed. However, an inquiry has been made as to the possibility of having it restored to full working order and permitting it to remain in its present position. This inquiry is now being investigated.

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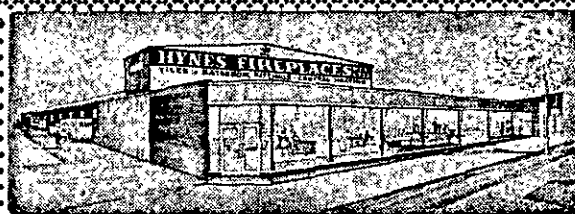
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A TURF

ALTONA v. W'TOWN R.S.L.

Altona, last year's premiers, won the toss and elected to bat on a live but soft wicket, and made a total of 131.

Altona soon lost their openers, making the score 2/11 and with some steady bowling by Williamstown R.S.L., Altona were restricted to a slow rate of scoring.

Bill Bibby showed great determination to bat for 90 minutes for 22 runs to endeavour to put Altona back on top.

Captain Lance Cumming joined Bibby with the score at 5/30 and immediately started to attack the bowling with some very fine forceful driving and finished with 58 well made runs after being brilliantly caught 10 yards from the boundary by J. Byers.

Terry Gray and Wayne Norman opened the bowling for Altona and although beating the bat several teams, were unable to break through and a quick change of bowlers brought results with Cumming and Jack Dellar collecting a wicket each, leaving Williamstown 2/33 at the end of the day's play.

ALTONA.—1st Innings:
THOMAS, c, b Wright 3
JOYCE, lbw Anthony 4
BIBBY, run out 22
HOSKEN, lbw Wright 7
DELLAR, c, b Anthony 2
CUMMING, c, b Wright 58
MICHAEL, c, b Anthony 7
ADAMS, c, b Wright 7
CALAZ, lbw Moore 5
NORMAN, lbw Moore 5
GRAY, not out 14
Sundries 10
TOTAL 131

BOWLING: Wright 4/46, Anthony 3/13, Moore 2/27.

W'TOWN R.S.L.—1st Innings:
J. BYERS, b Dellar 18
JACKSON b Cumming 9
WRIGHT, not out 6
TOTAL 2 wickets for 33

BOWLING: J. Dellar 1/3, L. Cumming 1/8.

B1 TURF

KOROROIT STARS v. ALTONA

Altona won the toss against Kororoit Stars at the Strand Reserve, Newport, and batted.

Due to some good batting and concentration by Eric Milner (64), a good start was made for Altona. Rod Gray then came in and with some fine shots and aggression, he knocked up 56 runs in 40 minutes.

New player Bob Campbell batted well in his first hand for Altona and Kevin Flett (14 years), one of the juniors, acquitted himself well in his first game with a senior side.

Don Porter was the most successful bowler for the Stars, taking 5/39.

Altona started well in their efforts to get Kororoit Stars out quickly when an excellent catch by Wally Bruce started the rot and the Stars were 6/25 at the end of the day's play, due to some excellent fielding and bowling by Altona.

ALTONA.—1st Innings:
LEWIS, hit wkt., b Porter 7
MILNER, c, b McDonald 64
JONES b Porter 2
KIRK lbw Porter 2
CAMPBELL lbw McDonald 21
BRUCE b McDonald 1
GRASSBY c Porter 8
R. GRAY b Day 56
R. HARRISON not out 0
FLETT b Porter 6
Sundries 22
TOTAL 9 wickets (dec.) for 187

BOWLING: D. Porter 5/39, H. Smith 0/4, S. R. Hatt 5/39.

KOROROIT STARS.—1st Innings:
OUTEN, b McCallagh 2
DAY, b Kirk 9
WALKER, c, b McCallagh 2
THOMPSON, lbw KIRK 0
McDONALD, lbw KIRK 0
PORTER, not out 0
CARROLL, lbw Kirk 0
Sundries 8
TOTAL 6 wickets for 25

BOWLING: F. Kirk 4/8, R. McCallagh 2/9.

ALTONA UNDER 16

W'TOWN R.S.L. v. ALTONA.

The youngest Altona side ever fielded (average age 12 years) put up a determined effort to reach 109 runs against Williamstown R.S.L. Juniors at Hatt Reserve last Saturday morning.

Kevin Flett, playing a great captain's game in leading this young side, was well supported by M. Cahill and L. Egan. Showing no fear of R.S.L. fast bowling McCudden, Patton, Mathieson, Rafferty and Stephenson all made runs.

Accurate bowling by R. O'Keefe and J. Byers were the main wicket takers for the R.S.L.

Flett and Cahill both took valuable wickets before the close of the first day's play.

An even more determined team effort will be needed next Saturday to win this game, so let's see if we can do it.

ALTONA.—1st Innings:
FLETT, c, b Pinkney 60
McCUDDEN b Walker 2
CAHILL c, b O'Keefe 19
EGAN, b O'Keefe 12
PATTON, c, b O'Keefe 4
MackINNON, c, b O'Keefe 0
MATHIESON, b Byers 2
RAFFERTY, b O'Keefe 2
MILDENHALL, c&b Byers 0
STEPHENSON, b Byers 2
COOK, not out 0
Sundries 6
TOTAL 109

BOWLING: R. O'Keefe 5/24, J. Byers 3/19, R. Walker 1/21, G. Pinkney 1/38.

W'TOWN R.S.L.—1st Innings:
GREGORY, not out 6
EVENS, lbw Flett 4
BYERS, lbw Cahill 2
WALKER, not out 13
Sundries 6
TOTAL 2 wickets for 31

BOWLING: K. Flett 1/11, M. Cahill 1/14.

B2 TURF

ALTONA v. BALLPORT FOOT-
BALLERS.

Accurate bowling by R. Cook and John Duncan, backed up by keen fielding, Altona kept Newport Footballers to a small score at Altona last Saturday.

NEWPORT.—1st Innings:
EVERETT, c, b Duncan 23
MORTON, c, b Cook 4
PIKE, b Duncan 6
CASSELLS, b Duncan 2
CZATA, b Cook 5
NORMAN, c, b Duncan 7
RICH, c, b Cook 1
KARKLIUS, c, b Duncan 11
WELSH, stpd., b Duncan 11
DURBRIDGE, not out 1
COSTELLO, absent 0
Sundries 1
TOTAL 72

BOWLING: J. Duncan 6/29, R. Cook 3/42.

CHURCH CRICKET

Following are the first day results of the Western Suburbs Protestant Churches Cricket Association for the opening round:

A GRADE

Williamstown Congs. v. Tottenham Baptists 4/203.
Seddon Congs. 120 v. St. Andrew's (W'town) 4/89.
Barkly Street Meths. 306 (K. Kennedy 105) v. Newport Meths. Yarraville Congs. 6/211 v. John Street Meths. 56.

B GRADE

Altona Baps. v. Yarraville Baps.
Yarraville Baps. first innings, 166 (D. Stoodley 4/40).

Altona Baps.—1st Innings:
J. BRYCE, not out 16
G. DOUGLAS, c, b B. Hayes 1
K. JOHNSTON, b B. Hayes 4
K. BURTON, not out 5
Sundries 7
TOTAL 2 wickets for 33

BOWLING: B. Hayes 2/9.
Paisley Street Baps. 3/67 v. All Saints 69.
St. Stephen's 71 v. North Williamstown Church of Christ 6/67.
Kingsville Baps. 247 v. Yarraville Pres. 2/27.

C GRADE

Christ Church Newport v. St. Eanswythe's.

St. Eanswythe's started well in the long chase after Christ Church's 7/206 dec., and 58 runs were scored before the first wicket fell, but another two quick wickets, then another just before stumps have left the team in a poor position.

One or two good partnerships are needed to pass Christ Church next Saturday.

Christ Church.—1st Innings:
DUGGAN, c Stephenson, b B. Garde 51
ADAM, c J. Morton, b Price 8
SCHEURER, lbw I. Chalmers 7
SEERS, c D. Garde, b Stephenson 55
SMITH, not out 34
McCAULEY, c B. Garde, b Stephenson 0
CRADDOCK, c Stephenson, b B. Garde 19
GREAVES, stpd. D. Garde, b B. Garde 0
WEBSTER, not out 22
Sundries 10
TOTAL 7 wickets (dec.) for 206

BOWLING: B. Garde 3/73, G. Stephenson 2/40, R. Price 1/33, I. Chalmers 1/35, N. Pattison 0/15.

St. Eanswythe's.—1st Innings:
R. PRICE, c Scheurer, b Adam 29
B. GARDE, lbw Seers 23
N. PATTISON, b Adam 4
D. GARDE, not out 25
F. WYNANDS, b Scheurer 3
G. STEPHENSON, not out 0
Sundries 10
TOTAL 4 wickets for 94

BOWLING: M. Adam 2/25, J. Scheurer 1/2, G. Seers 1/42, I. Smith 0/5, H. Greaves 0/10.
St. Andrew's (F'scray) 100 v. Kingsville Baps. 47.

Tottenham Baps. 3/86 v. Ballarat Road Meths. 8/156 dec.

Newport Baps. 26 v. Maidstone Church of Christ 79.

A.N.T.S. UNDER 16

A.N.T.S. v. WEST NEWPORT.

Playing West Newport in the opening round of the 1966-67 cricket season, Altona North Technical School openers started slowly, but the partnership of Ian Bennett and John Gilham proved valuable to the Ants.

Acting captain Bruce Forrester came to the wicket and the runs started to flow more freely. He batted brilliantly for 51, while P. Sfetkidis and W. Duncan put on nine and eight respectively.

At stumps on the first day Altona were 6/116.

ALTONA.—1st Innings:
DUCKETT, lbw Everett 26
HATFULL, not out 27
McCUDDEN, lbw Costello 4
COOK, lbw Costello 13
DUNCAN, c, b Welsh 23
DAWSON, b Cassells 1
SIZELAND, not out 17
Sundries 10
TOTAL 5 wickets for 121

BOWLING: Welsh 2/11, Costello 2/31.

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Mr. Sid Hem, of Circle Caravans, stands between two prospective customers who are inspecting the luxury tandem-wheeled caravan he displayed with two smaller vans at the recent Caravan Show at the Exhibition Buildings. This stand was the most popular in the show and Mr. Hem the most successful exhibitor, having received the largest number of orders. The caravans are now on display at his premises in McIntosh Road, Altona North.

STARS SAINTS and SINNERS

by RON COLEMAN.

STARS this week are Altona's own pop group 'The Kult' who will become honorary members of S.S.S. and they invite teenagers AND young folk throughout the community to join and participate in this club as well.

Up to date Altona has not produced many pop groups, but the few that have arisen in the shire have been quality products rather than mass produced novelties.

Undoubtedly the most successful so far have been 'The Henchmen' who shook Melbourne with their smash hit 'Rocking Robin' which won 3UZ's Sounds Spectacular in 1964. They are still going strong but unfortunately not all of the members are the originals and the demand is not there for them in Altona. As you probably noticed they provided the backing for Johnny Young of 'GO' fame at the Royal Show this year.

Anyway following in their footsteps are Altona's newest arrivals 'The Kult', a dynamic five piece group, these boys are all local except for singer Pete Bleazby who resides at Sunshine. Like countless other groups 'The Kult' was formed purely by circumstances.

Drummer: Wayne Ford (student). Likes:- Mad girls, peanut butter sandwiches and his favourite drummer Joe Morrello (Dave Brubeck Quartet).

Dislikes:- Being told to get his haircut and (wait for it girls) Elvis Presley.

Lead Guitar: Brian Gardner (aleman). Likes:- Surfing and jam sessions. Dislikes:- people late for engagements, Americanism, Vietnam Situation (but is for internal National Service).

Incidentally Brian was taught by Doug Osborne local rhythm guitarist ex 'Henchmen' and he likes Duncan McKellar of Altona and the 'Henchmen' one of Australia's best lead guitarists and I can assure he's not alone in that contention.

Bass Guitar: Graham Griffith (occupation not known). Likes:- Mad girls, all music except old. Favourite actress, Jean Simmons. Actor, Gary Cooper. Dislikes:- Tripe and beetroot, and who double date.

The boys have a highly reliable manager in Mr. Ford (Wayne's brother) and they should be quite popular in Altona which is predominantly a "Sharpie area" correct me if I'm wrong) as their hair is not too long.

BOOKINGS: 398-1701 (after 5 p.m.).

★ SAINT ★

This week the laurels go to Brooklyn boy Alan Norriss who led the nation approximately hamburgers when he helped capture a wounded bull that bled from a slaughter pen in abattoir at Brooklyn last week.

The slaughterman had fired his in the normal way that these do when slaughtering cattle to his surprise the bullet chipped off the bull's head. A young lad below who's job was to lower the trap doors so the dead animal would roll into the beef house had the luck of his life when several hundred pounds of meat started falling and other workers saw it gained its freedom in a paddock.

It was then the task of the others to recapture the bull which was dangerous as it had a wounded. It would not be in with a bunch of cows it chased one drover up a tree. Then young Alan Norriss decided to try and round it up. His stock pony but was scared and pushed through a fence before he finally managed to herd the beast which received heavy calibre bullets before it died.

TOP TEN

1. Yellow Submarine. The Beatles.
2. Needle in a Haystack. Twilights.
3. Ever Lovin' Man. The Loved Ones.
4. Step Back. Johnny Young.
5. Black is Black. Los Bravos.
6. Born a Woman. Sandy Posey.
7. Bus Stop. The Hollies.
8. Born Free. Matt Munro.
9. Lil' Red Riding Hood. Sam The Sham.
10. Somewhere my Love. Ray Coniff Singers.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Owing to the mailbag's of letters received last week we had to draw the winner of NEV'S RECORD out of a hat and the lucky winner was Richard Ross of Grieve Highway, Altona who will receive his membership card this week which will enable him to choose an E.P. of his choice free from NEV'S in Altona.

OTHER WINNERS

- Trevor Danger, Boyd Street.
Richard Lindmark, Rose Street.
Lorna Thompson, Grieve Hwy.
Amber Inglis, Esplanade.
Janet Shaw, David Street.

Prizewinners are asked to collect their prizes from the 'STAR' on Saturday morning between 9.30 and 10.30 a.m., apart from the record winner.



Left to right: GRAHAM GRIFFITH (bass), JOHN HARRIS (rhythm), WAYNE FORD (drums), BRIAN GARDNER (lead) and PETE BLEAZBY (singer). (Photo by Roper Studios—314-5360.)

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COMPETITION

I hear the revival of the "Skye Boat Song" the other day, brother! what will they ruin next. Poor "Bonnie Prince Charlie" would have turned in his grave if he had heard it. Unfortunately I still don't know who sings it, so the first correct answer received by a member will win Nev's free E.P. record of any choice. The next four correct entries will also receive prizes, so if you're not a member, join today.

MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS

Discounts may be obtained from any of the local traders advertised by simply producing your membership card. So if you're not a member, join today and receive your membership card. Watch the ads each week for special features and new traders.

★ SINNER ★

This week it will have to be the bull which caused some anxiety up at Brooklyn as we've all been perfect angels this week. (impossible).

ONLY RECORDS

All of you folk fans will probably be sad to hear that Brian Mooney, the well-known Irish folk singer, has left Australia to tour his home land.

Brian sailed back to the "Land of the Leprechauns" on the "Flavia" a couple of weeks ago after a wild farewell party was thrown for him by jazz pianist Frank Traynor.

A tinker's wagon will be his means of transport when he travels old Ireland to pick up the remains of dying folk songs to sing if and when he returns to Australia. Brian saved his fare home by singing and painting and believe me he's good at both.

He did cut a record just before he left and this should be on sale at record bars soon. Patrons of Frank Traynor's Jazz Club will miss Brian, who has always drawn large audiences in Melbourne.

Incidentally, Traynor's Club was briefly featured near the beginning of the film "They're a Wierd Mob." A great night's entertainment is provided there for 50c only.

FAN CLUB

Anyone wishing to join the KULT FAN CLUB should mail their letters to Julie Heath, 11 Metherall Street, North Sunshine.

This club already has a large membership and is raising a petition to get the boys on "GO" ATVO's teenage show. So support your local group and join their fan club today.

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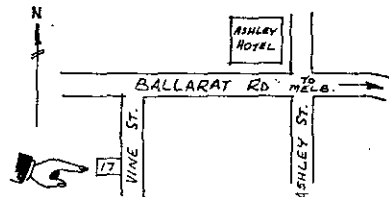
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Altona District Hospital Annual Report

Altona District Hospital showed a surplus of \$3000 in the statement of income and expenditure for the year ended June 30, 1966.

This is a surprisingly good result when most other hospitals are reporting substantial deficits and increasing financial problems.

The Annual Report and Balance Sheet, which was considered at the annual meeting of the Committee of Management last Friday night, was attractively presented on art paper in booklet form. It included much of interest and generally shows a most satisfactory picture of Altona hospital activity.

Average bed costs per week increased from \$12.10 per day in 1964-65 to \$13.24 in 1965-66.

In that perspective it is hard to understand the Hospital and Charities request that interim fees must be increased to \$13.50 per day.

Intermediate fees in all hospitals under their jurisdiction must be increased to \$13.50 per day.

Details of the report are given—

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



This year has been another successful year for our hospital. The new ward and bathroom facilities are now well underway and the Apex Club intends to construct a new storeroom later in the year.

I thank our Secretary, Mrs. E. Roach, and Treasurer, Mr. R. Willis, for the time they have devoted to their respective tasks.

I must accord sincere thanks to the Committee for the assistance they have given me, also to those charged with the administration of day to day affairs of the hospital. The hospital staff, under Matron Barratt, has maintained the high nursing standard for which this hospital is noted. Also our thanks to Sister Smith, who has carried out the duty of relieving Matron. Mrs. Roberts for the efficient running of the office and Mr. Stirling for the maintenance work that he has carried out around the hospital.

Many patients have expressed their appreciation of the staff and the friendly atmosphere which exists at the hospital. This has resulted from the kindness, efficiency and patience of the staff, and I would like to record my appreciation for the splendid work they have done during the year.

My report would not be complete without mention of the wonderful band of ladies who work so hard throughout the year to raise funds for the hospital. To each of them we extend sincere thanks.

Once again we express our sincere thanks to industries in the Shire for their financial help, the Shire Council for their help in keeping our future hospital site cleared.

In conclusion, I wish to convey my appreciation to all those who devoted so much time and energy in support of this hospital.

RAY RIVETT,
President.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Once again the activities of the hospital have resulted in a profit amounting to some \$3003 as compared with \$3172 profit for the year ended June 30, 1965, prior to any claims for depreciation.

Government policy in preparing accounts is to completely ignore any depreciation in value of equipment or provision for its replacement. The hospital records have now been adjusted so as to comply with this policy.

Reduction of Government Grants brought about by the increase in hospital fees in December, 1965, represented a decrease of \$3050 to the hospital's income. However, increased fees enabled the hospital to reduce its trading loss, which, after discounting Government Grants amounted to \$8178 as compared with \$11,058 for 1965; \$16,752 for 1964 and \$14,336 for 1963. It is obvious, therefore, that the hospital is becoming more self-supporting as time goes by.

As regards expenditure, there has been very little fluctuation during the last financial year except for the large increase suffered in cost of labour. Although the hospital is operating with the same number of staff, salaries have increased by \$3300 as compared with 1965, thereby representing almost an 8% increase in cost of labour.

The continuation of profitable operations has enabled an increase in the Hospital Fixed Deposit Account to \$13,125, as compared with \$12,500 at June, 1965. The increase of \$625 represents interest earned and re-invested.

New systems introduced in April, 1965, have proven very successful and now enabled a much more rigid day to day control of internal finance and statistics.

Set out below is a dissection of every \$10 received and the manner in which it has been spent.

Income:	1965.	1966.
Hospital Fees and Extras	\$7.02	\$7.50
Government Grants	2.32	1.79
Donations	.24	.37
Industry Income	.42	.34
	\$10.00	\$10.00

Altona Ladies Bowls

Winners of the social bowls played at Altona Bowling Club last Thursday were E. Flynn (s), G. Vickers and E. Marlow.

Birthday greetings this week to Bess Neal, Lena Cox and Irene O'Donnell.

The ROSTER for Saturday, October 8, is as follows—J. McNeilage, E. Graham, M. Molloy, B. Pugsley, M. Dowdell and B. Davis.

PENNANT BOWLS

Results of the ladies pennant matches played last Tuesday are as follows—

Altona No. 1 96, defeated Williamstown 61—

E. Flynn, I. Probert, L. Walsh and J. Milliken: 31-22; V. Sevier, E. Olliver, L. Tucker and E. Martin: 30-18; J. Douglas, D. Gadsen, C. Ford and E. Siphorth: 35-21.

Murrumbidgee No. 2 68, defeated Murrumbidgee Park 57—

V. Turner, J. McNeilage, M. Dowdell and P. Stephens: 21-24; L. Cox, J. Monkhouse, A. Newton and V. Douglas: 20-14; P. Gischus, L. Pilcher, E. Russell and M. Woodyard: 27-19.

Altona No. 3 71, defeated Fawkner 26—

W. Neal, M. Richardson, M. Andress and M. Bromley: 44-5; K. Bray, R. Shaw, E. Beyer and E. Thomas: 27-21.

KOORINGAL GOLF

Saturday's stroke results at Koorlingal Golf Club are as below—

A GRADE: F. Cahill (5), 68 net.

B GRADE: E. Einsiedel (14), 68 net.

C GRADE: B. Thompson (21), 65 net.

MONTHLY MEDAL was won by B. Thompson.

Sunday's ROGEY event went to A. Grant (13), square, from D. Oliver (13), 1 down, J. Mensies Jun. (5), 1 down, N. Grant (3), 1 down, and K. Crowe (17), 1 down.

ASSOCIATES

Results of last Tuesdays' 18-Hole Stroke-Medal played by the Koorlingal Associates are as follows—

A GRADE: Mrs. V. Jacobsen (20), 86 net; 45 AND OVER: Mrs. N. Page (33), 77 net; UNDER 45: Mrs. B. Williams (36), 77 net, on a countback from Mrs. V. Jones (31), 77 net.

MONTHLY MEDAL will be decided on a play off between Mesdames Page, Williams and Jones.

PUTTING: Mrs. A. Stewart, 28 outts.

GRANDMOTHERS TROPHY: Mrs. A. Speak (28), 80 net.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

As I have been always treated with unfailing courtesy when dealing with the "Star," I would be grateful if you would print this letter.

On September 27 I attended an Altona council meeting. Cr. Crofts was the subject of a bitter attack from Cr. Lee.

Then Cr. den Dulk took part, and he and Cr. Lee repeated themselves again and again. Cr. Fisher then hopped on the band wagon and said his piece, and Cr. Cresser also. It gave the impression of a concerted attack. Is it usual to take pre-election manifestos into the council chamber and put a councillor through a catechism?

Cr. Lee knew well that one man cannot do much with eight bitter opponents, so his attack was completely unwarranted.

This attack lasted over half an hour. Cr. Crofts, by his courtesy in the face of rudeness and bitterness, had the sympathy of the full gallery.

I had the strange idea that council meetings were held to attend to the business of running the Shire capably.

This of course doesn't need much time as the Caucus meeting held previous to the council meeting has resolved everything.

Cr. Lee denied vigorously that he gets involved in any way. How is it that we witnessed Cr. McIntosh motioning Cr. Jurga to vote on the "Mail?"

Cr. Lee indulged in a bitter attack on the integrity of the "Star" but the Editor of the "Star" was not allowed to answer his attack.

Why should a paper be penalised for being fearless and honest?

It is the only Altona paper, and nothing Cr. Lee says will change that.

To take a man's living away from him and give it to a large company like the "Age" gives the public a strange idea of the Labor Party.

Or would it be, if you don't fall into line with us, we will break you?

Cr. Lee talks a lot of wild talk about integrity, but a talk on the aims and objects of the Labor Party, as brought into most council meetings, doesn't seem to me to be the right thing.

Yours sincerely,

A. DICKSON.

Dear Sir,

It is difficult to find words which sufficiently express the disgust of many of the residents of Altona over the development of factions within our council. I am sure that most of us have been completely cheated, because, when we registered our votes a few short weeks ago we were attempting to pick the most able representatives to handle a very important job.

What did we get? . . . Nothing but snorting, stamping, accusations and the passing of a motion which was prompted out of nothing but spite.

One notices that the pre-election time was packed with promises and confident predictions both of which were freely advertised in pamphlet form around the Shire. The major group paraded behind their same old clichés: "Look what WE did last term," and of course: "Unity," "Teamwork"—both of these anathema to local government, especially when they really mean "Group Decisions".

The other group circulated a rather biting, but down-to-earth pamphlet, which jabbed at a few bulbous paunches, and, as we know by now, caused some annoyance to their owners.

What of the future? Now that we have securely locked an OCTOPUS inside the OYSTER are we to stand by and let its whims and petty quarrels control us—DEFINITELY NOT.

Thus I urge that the people of Altona will uphold and express a vote of "no confidence" in the past few weeks of the council's decisions and a general demand for some true representation.

Yours hopefully,

A. S. URPHIE.

Dear Sir,

At the council meeting on September 27, 1966, Cr. Lee stated that he would be willing to answer truthfully any questions put to him. I would, therefore, be grateful if Cr. Lee would answer, through your columns, the following questions—

1. In the 1965 election propaganda did the A.L.P. Candidates, Crs. Bond, den Dulk and Lee, promise the ratepayers three swimming pools?

2. What has Cr. Lee done since that time, to implement this promise?

3. As he has failed to provide even one of these pools for the Altona residents or even set in train any of the preliminary work, does Cr. Lee consider he was elected on false promises in 1965?

4. When the non-A.L.P. councillor moved that a public meeting be held on the question of a swimming pool why did the Labor councillors reject the motion?

Over to you Cr. Lee.

Yours faithfully,

A. S. WRIGHT.

Less Expenditure:

Provisions	\$0.87	\$0.88
Drugs and Dressings	.36	.17
Salaries and Wages	6.32	6.74
Administration Expenses	.65	.57
Laundry and Linen	.72	.64
Housekeeping Supplies	.07	.09
Power and Fuel	.26	.28
Maintenance	.22	.15
	9.47	9.52

NET PROFIT \$0.53 \$0.48

The above chart indicates that of every \$10 received \$7.50 is from fees received and of this amount \$6.74 is then expended on labour as the highest expense followed by provisions at 88c.

Once again most sincere thanks to fellow members of the Finance Committee and all general Committee members for assistance and support during the past year.

R. WILLIS,

Hon. Treasurer and Government Nominee.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE FOUR YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 1966.

	1966
Income:	
Government Grants	\$11,181
Intermediate and Private Fees	36,236
Intermediate and Private Extras	3,803
Net Pensioners Fees	3,961
Public Fees	1,824
Out Patients Fees	909
Donations	2,354
Sundry Income	2,010
TOTAL INCOME	\$62,278
Less Expenditure:	
Provisions	\$5,520
Drugs and Dressings	1,101
Salaries and Wages	41,943
Administration and Miscellaneous Expenses	3,579
Housekeeping Supplies and Utensils	441
Laundry and Linen Replacement	3,964
Power and Fuel	1,761
Maintenance	966
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	59,275
PROFIT	\$3,003

Letters To The Editor

Dear Sir,

Last week I witnessed two things which made me ashamed to be a citizen of Altona. Firstly, I saw a man being sacrificed on the altar of political party bigotry and secondly, I saw a meeting conducted in such a manner that gave me a feeling of despair for the future of our Shire.

I refer to the council meeting on 27/9/1966 in which I saw Cr. Crofts for more than two hours interrogated, questioned, cross examined and insulted in what was apparently a preconcerted and preconceived scheme to embarrass a man whose only sin is that he is not one of the political juntu mis-managing the affairs of our Shire. Almost every word that this man uttered was pounced upon and questioned and distorted mainly by Cr. Lee, and even after Cr. Crofts invoked a Clause of the Local Government Act to demand an apology, this was discussed for five minutes by Cr. Fisher, to what end no one seemed to be sure, but appeared to be directed to prove that everything Cr. Crofts said was wrong and everything a Labor councillor said was correct without question.

The subject of the attack on Cr. Crofts by Cr. Lee was apparently to do with a finance committee meeting, although this was difficult to ascertain on account of the rather garbled and disjointed way it was presented. However, if it was the finance committee meeting that was being discussed this meeting was not finished, having been adjourned to a future date and therefore should have been sub judice.

Who is this Lee fellow? Is he the local A.L.P. dictator or is he just the little Sir Echo? I incline to the latter belief and that he is just their spokesman to do the talking for them, and can he talk. He hardly ever stops. I would estimate that at the council meeting on the night he spoke more than all the other councillors together and in the Press, both in the "Star" and in our out-of-town official organ all we read in council news is that Cr. Lee asks, Cr. Lee says, Cr. Lee demands, Cr. Lee accuses. You know, Sir, this is all rather reminiscent of the old American Tammany system where a fall guy was set up to do the talking and then when things went wrong was thrown to the wolves. This may be prophetic.

At one stage Cr. Lee asked Cr. Crofts to define his statement about incompetence. Surely a council that has the Shire in a position of being indebted to the extent of 40 per cent. (and could be more) of its income and is currently preparing a budget which is budgeting for an estimated expenditure of \$300,000 over its income and who is also allegedly considering raising our rates should know the answer to this. As a ratepayer I here and now challenge the A.L.P. councillors to make a public statement about this matter of rates.

Bear in mind that it is the considered opinion of men who know what they are talking about say that any council that is indebted for more than 25 per cent. of its income is in trouble.

I referred above to the manner in which the meeting was conducted. I have never in a very wide experience seen such haphazard procedures. Men were allowed to speak any number of times on the same subject, one councillor read his remarks from handwritten notes and at one stage the chairman even moved a motion himself without vacating the chair and subsequently declared his own motion carried.

At one stage of the proceedings when the matter of "the photo" was brought up the Shire Secretary said that he concurred with what Mr. Sutton said in a letter which was printed on the agenda. But was loquacious Lee satisfied? No sir. The best his dignity would allow him to do was to apologise for part of his remarks in this matter and then go off into a long and dreary tirade in an effort to at least partly justify himself. This man has been proven wrong that often that it must be an embarrassment to his colleagues.

Then Cr. den Dulk jumped into the fray and although his remarks were hard to follow owing to the poor acoustics or the absence of a public address system, the tenor of his remarks

Dear Sir,

The council's move to make Cr. Crofts chairman of the finance committee is an obvious attempt to saddle him with the responsibility of meeting their financial commitments by raising rates or to blame him for failure to balance the budget.

Cr. Crofts can do very little without adequate support, which he only just failed to get, neither can he be expected to pull rabbits out of a hat and correct in a few weeks the deplorable state of our finances which the present council majority has led us into over the past seven years of happy spending, giving no thought of tomorrow, content to let posterity pay the bill, concerned only with building up favourable publicity and calling it progress.

Should Cr. Crofts come up with some answers, well! he can always be outvoted in committee by the two anti-Ratepayer members. Meantime Cr. Lee is having a ball-baiting Cr. Crofts even before the election returns were in, desperately anxious to shelve responsibility for the financial mess.

Churchill said, "Give us the guns and we will do the job." We say to the ratepayers, "Give us the men to represent you in council and we will do the job."

Again in council on September 27 Cr. Lee repeated his fabrications against the "Star" and the alleged use of official photographs by the Ratepayer Candidates, despite evidence to the contrary, which he chooses to ignore.

Actually Cr. Lee has no alternative to a blind persistence in his misrepresentations, since, however, he may be inwardly convinced it takes moral courage to admit one is wrong.

However, the sorriest aspect of all are the sheep-like qualities exhibited by his colleagues who are controlled by whoever pulls the strings in Caucus. These qualities were exemplified at the council meeting on September 27. While one councillor's behaviour was more like that of a capricious adolescent than a responsible councillor (unchecked by a president who apparently has one set of rules for Cr. Crofts and a free-for-all for the others), the rest were mute, giving silent acceptance to an unrestrained attack on the sole Ratepayer representative. This then is their boasted unity. The unity of sheep following the bell wether.

As one correspondent put it, it is difficult to believe that eight councillors of their own free will reached some of the decisions made.

I have no doubt that as a result of this aspect of criticism, some of the councillors will be instructed to publicly support Cr. Lee's false allegations, contrary to what their feelings may be.

Yours faithfully,

H. V. JEAVONS,

Altona Ratepayers Election Committee.

appeared to be that the finance committee was taking too long over its deliberations and that Cr. Crofts was the villain of the piece by daring to question the proposed expenditure as laid down and which called for an expenditure of approximately \$300,000 in excess of income.

Finally, I cannot let the letter of John Cullen in the "Star" (15/9/1966) to pass unchallenged in which he claims the A.L.P. Candidates had been smeared in the matter of the defacement of signs. Surely this gentleman has a memory that can go back to his letter in the "Star" of September 1 in which he says, and I quote, "It is more than likely that the reason they knew it would happen is because they did it themselves." Why is he at this stage worrying about smears when the above amounts to not only a smear, but could be construed as an accusation?

A. MILDENHALL.

Dear Sir,

Through the columns of your newspaper I wish to congratulate Crs. Crofts, Ginfier and McIntosh on their success in the recent elections.

I wish to thank the people who gave both myself and our Australian Labor Party team their vote of confidence, my campaign manager Gordon Stirling and his wife, the members of the Australian Labor Party for their untiring help and support, the staff of the Shire Offices, and a special thank-you to my husband and family without whose support I would never have been able to offer myself as a candidate. Thank-you also to all of the people who were manning the booth at the Wimpey Estate. Their pleasant company made short work of what could otherwise have been a very long day.

Although I have waited for the results of the re-count before offering my words of congratulations and thanks, I mean them no less sincerely.

Just in closing I wish to thank the Stipendary Magistrate, Mr. Kean, Shire Secretary, Mr. Waters, his assistant, Mr. Trueman, the other members of the Shire Offices and all scrutineers who gave up so much of their time to take part in the re-count.

Yours truly,

MRS. MARY EVANS.

Dear Sir,

I would like to express my disgust at the abusive way in which some of Cr. Crofts' committee and supporters conducted themselves at the last council meeting. When the Labor councillors rose to speak they were constantly booed and heckled by organised interjectors of Cr. Crofts' committee and supporters.

Some people went to the meeting to listen to the proceedings, while it seems the majority only came to abuse the privilege of being in attendance in the public gallery. Surely these people must realise that people cannot give their candid and sarcastic remarks whenever they feel like it in council.

It is to be noted with pleasure that no A.L.P. supporters had to be ordered to be quiet by the Shire President. No-one asked the objectors to respect the councillors personally, but you would expect them to at least have respect for the position of councillor and especially the honoured position of Shire President. It was only the president's good nature that saved the interjectors from being ejected from the gallery.

Surely these respectable people (and there were several big businessmen and opposition candidates there too) can abide by the rules and not try to turn the meeting into a three-ringed circus for their own amusement. If they don't intend to do the right thing why come in the first place. The only one amongst the Independents to show any respect for the proceedings was Cr. Crofts himself, who at least had the decency to refer to the Shire President in a respectful way.

Some of these interjectors had the cheek to try to demand that the president take control of the meeting and when he did call for order they howled him down. Some even had the cheek to ask if this was a public building and that they had a right to do what they liked.

Heaven help this municipality if these — ever get control of the council. It would turn into a public demonstration and the governing body as such would cease to exist.

This has shown me the truth in the saying "empty vessels make the most noise." Once again thanks must go to the A.L.P. and supporters for conducting themselves in such a fine upstanding manner.

Yours,

GEOFFREY C. CRESSER.

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Altona Film Society

The next screening of the Altona Film Society will be held on Thursday, October 6, at 8 p.m., in the Civic Hall.

The program will include "Conquest of Everest," which gives an account of the first successful ascent of Mt. Everest by the British Everest Expedition in 1953. Also to be screened is an Australian documentary on Alice Springs and the surrounding country, entitled "This is Alice Springs."

Junior Soccer

UNDER 12

Sunshine Heights 8 d. Newport 1. (Coppola). BEST (Newport): F. Callus, V. Mierzwa and N. Sussa.

Sunshine City "A" 12 d. Brooklyn 0. BEST (Brooklyn): M. Hewitt, R. Hollier and D. Cottrell.

Ardeer 1 received a walkover from Altona West Primary 0.

Footscray-J.U.S.T. 0 lost to Altona 2 (Reardon, Little). BEST (Altona): N. Micevski, D. Douglas and T. Gibson.

Altona, with 35 points, finished second on the ladder to Sunshine City "A".

1st Altona Scouts

On Saturday, October 1, Stewart Colvin and John Inglis received their Queen's Scout certificates from His Excellency the Governor, Sir Rohan Delacombe, at a ceremony held at Government House at which 250 Queen Scouts and 60 Queen Guides received their certificates.

At the district sports held at Werribee on Saturday, 1st Altona came equal second to 1st Werribee in the cub section and equal first with 2nd Altona in the scout section.

Events won included Under 11 years 75 yards. G. Putkunz; Under 11 relay. G. Putkunz, C. Woodhead, C. Hewitt, A. Howie. Winners in the scouts section included, S. Foksett, P. Grant, I. Colling, J. Diaue, G. Jackson, K. Haynes, L. Henry, T. Colling, R. Harvey, I. McLennen, P. Blazko.

The combined games night with 2nd Altona held at the Altona R.S.L. Hall on Monday was a great success, honours going to 2nd Altona.

A coach will be leaving the scout hall at 9 a.m. on Sunday next, October 9, for Eumella Camp at Anglesea for any boys or parents requiring transport. Would all members going to Anglesea please meet at the hall at 9 a.m. in order to organise transport.

SUMMER TABLE TENNIS STARTS

Youth was well to the fore in the opening round of the 1966-67 Western Suburbs Summer Table Tennis Pennant Competition.

A family team to enter competition ranks hails from Altona. Gordon Hayes, in association with Stephen (11), Helen (13), Roger (14) and John (21), defeated Kinnear easily 11-0. Helen and Stephen reveal considerable potential at an early age.

Burnside, also from Altona, have profited by their experience in the winter competition. Ray Byrne, aided by improved performances from sons Peter and Robert, accounted for Reckitt & Coleman convincingly at 9-2. It will not be long before both Peter and Robert eclipse their father at table tennis.

Altona Youth Club (M. Baldwin, K. Bingham, P. McLean, D. Cullen, J. Nisbett) had an entertaining duel with the fifth team from the strong Footscray Youth Club.

A new school to be represented, Altona North Technical School, with teams from both instructors and pupils and with experienced players like J. Wild, K. Peake, W. Bradshaw, N. Smillie and K. Smillie, with 15 promising pupils, this school could develop into a force in this sport in very short order.

Trudy Reissman is one of a group of ladies from the Altona Working Men's Club who have performed excellently in table tennis over several seasons. This year her associates will include S. Pow, A. Raymond, B. Clark and G. Camilleri. Players who have visited this club on the foreshore at Seaholme all agree that it is one of the finest in Victoria, with a lovely view and perfect amenities.

Inquiries from new clubs and players in table tennis may be directed to secretary Ron Arnott, 74 Poole Street, Deer Park (393-1663), or the Table Tennis Centre, Garden Street, Williams-town.

DARTS DATA

FIRST SEMI-FINALS

In true tradition the first semi-finals of the Western Suburbs Darts Association produced spectacular darts for the spectators.

In ZONE 1 the Pioneer and Seaholme match provided excitement and tension. When Pioneer went away to a 3-1 lead, then Seaholme settled down and made the score 3 all, thus a team game of 801 had to be played as the decider—with Pioneer emerging the victors.

The same position arose in ZONE 2 when Altona R.S.L. met Pioneer (2). The singles games were 3 each and Altona won the teams match to put them into the preliminary final.

Sunshine R.S.L. had an easy victory over Pioneer in ZONE 3 Pioneer unfortunately had only five players. Sunshine emerged the victors by winning 4-2.

Tomorrow night (Friday) the second semi-finals will be conducted and the clubs concerned are—

ZONE 1: Bristol Hotel v. Central Hotel.

ZONE 2: Goodrich v. Central Hotel.

ZONE 3: Bristol Patrons v. Plough Hotel.

It is anticipated that the winning teams in the first semi-finals will be among the spectators to see who they will play in the preliminary finals.

For the first time in the association's history "line umpires" were used, much to the chagrin of some players—the most comical sight was Bill Klein, of Pioneer, with his shoes off and toes curled up so as not to touch the throw line.

Line umpires will again be used this week and throughout the whole series.

Clubs are again reminded that they are to supply one member for duty at the hall.

ALTONA PEDAL CLUB

The next rally will be held on Sunday, October 9, at Oriole Park, Heidelberg. Members are to be at 28 Linnet Street at 9.30 a.m.

There will be a meeting at 9 Bracken Grove, on Thursday (tonight) at 7.45 p.m.

SILVER PEDAL RESULTS

September 24: 1st, 116; 2nd, 110; 3rd, 8. October 1: 1st, 64; 2nd, 46; 3rd, 74.

GOOD START FOR BOWLS

Last Saturday started the pennant bowls season and having a fine day was most encouraging to the Altona Bowling Club.

The club made an excellent start with the four teams fielded all winning their matches. Details of the games are as follows—

No. 1 team in B4 played Moreland away and won 111-86—

Probert, Watters, Whyte and Monhouse: 28-21; P. Whitmore, Oliver, Stephens and Malloy: 25-28; R. Douglas, R. Don, Carlton and Fisher: 28-20; D. Nettleton, Mitchell, Russell and Mathers: 30-17.

No. 2 team in C2 played Flemington at home and won 124-66—

Gischus, Hill, McMahan and Watson: 24-16; Crofts, B. Harrison, Crowe and I. Douglas: 34-15; Williams, Nielson, Deegan and Turner: 33-20; McNeillage, Neal, McDonald and Walsh: 33-15.

No. 3 team in C5 played Buckley Park at home and won 120-70—

Webster, G. Harris, Bromley and Critchley: 34-18; Sevier, Martin, Richardson and McAlpine: 26-18; Blair, Condon, Gore and L. Cox: 31-22; Miles, Andrews, Roach and Inglis: 29-22.

No. 4 team in C6 played Maribyrnong Park away and won 99-82—

Pugsley, Marshall, Pilcher and Burke: 25-17; Bartolo, J. Cox, H. Harris and Grant: 24-25; Franks, Snowden, Nicholls and Murphy: 24-23; Thornycroft, Kelly, Carr and W. Harrison: 26-17.

Next Saturday's matches will be against Werribee (home), West Brunswick (away), Princes Park (away) and Footscray R.S.L. (home).

Owing to inclement weather no mixed rinks were played on Sunday, but a number of members and associates gathered together in the clubhouse and played indoor bowls.

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INTRA-SCHOOL GAMES

Well, there it is — SAINTS, PLAYBOYS, WILDCATS and ARABS in that order, with Saints favourites by a mile to take the title in the Altona North Technical School's intra-school basketball matches.

Super giant Joe Bills looks to be the boy to stop, and when Saints and Playboys clash, there will be fireworks between Joe and big Bernie O'Malley all right, with Joe the probable winner on points.

The match of the day, however, is going to be the Wildcats v. Arabs clash. Wizard Willie Anderson's magic touch will be fully tested by the tactics of Derek Hendry, Bruce McCausland and Philip Elg and with those three all fully qualified umpires, it'll be a bit hard to separate umpires and players!

Here's a ton of interest for the other teams yet as they play off on a knockout basis for the consolation title, and the Azteks v. Wee Five clash might be more knockout than anything else!

FINAL RESULTS

Wee Five 34 (Highest, Ross Leader 22, best Noel Ridge) d. Mods 23 (Felix Karpinski 15, David Bell).

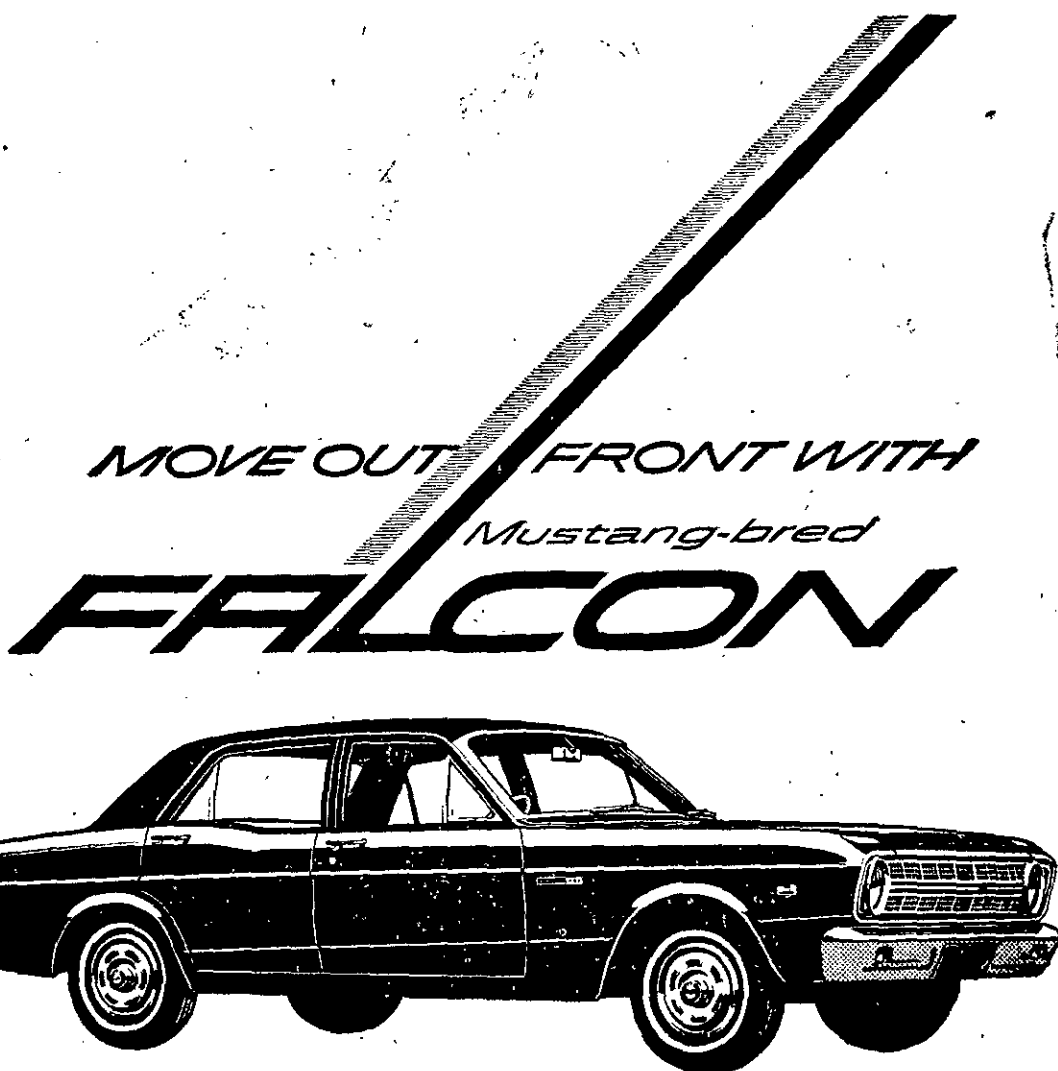
Globetrotters 31 (Greg Bond 13, Chris Malberg) d. Sharpies 14 (Rudolf Seitz 6, Robin McLellan).

Azteks 47 (Barry Reid 28, Louigi Coppola) d. Devils 26 (Wayne Wright 10, Peter Stirling).

Arabs 39 (Philip Elg 18, Bruce McCausland) d. Fugitives 6 (Brian Huckle 4, Alan Baker).

Wildcats 37 (Ken Travis 17, Alex Grouis) d. Odd Bods 21 (Robert Smithwick 13, Ron Patterson).

Saints 23 (John Hay 13, Herman Erkamps) d. Playboys 19 (Bernie O'Malley 9, Stavros Patralakis).



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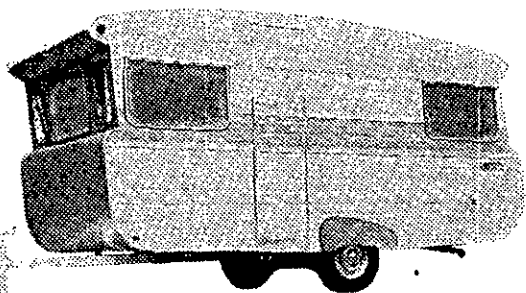
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COUNCIL MAY MEET LATE

A spokesman for Altona Shire Council today said that councillors have high hopes that Cr. J. J. Ginifer will be undoubtedly elected as member for Grant at the election on Saturday and that he will then take his seat in the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday evening next.

It is anticipated that he will be sworn in as a Member of Parliament first thing after the dinner recess.

Most councillors of the Shire of Altona wish to witness this function and therefore there may not be a quorum present by a half hour after the set time for the meeting to commence. And so at 8.30 p.m. at least one

WHERE TO VOTE

Polling Booths for Saturday's election will be located at the following school: Altona (Blyth St.), Altona East (Marion St.), Seaholme (Millers Rd.), Brooklyn (Blackshaws Rd.), West Newport (Maddox Road) Laverton (Epsom Street) and Laverton North (Armstrong Street) and also at the Altona West Kindergarten in Somers Parade and the Migrant Hostel in Kororoit Creek Road.

councillor will be in attendance to adjourn the meeting until 9 p.m. It is anticipated a quorum will be present by that time.

Folk who wish to attend the council meeting are advised to take heed of these facts.

ESTIMATES SHOW \$246,000 DEFICIT

Continued from Page 1. published in the "Altona Star" last March said Cr. Crofts.

The article reads: "Cr. J. J. Ginifer states rates will not rise in Altona before 1968. His remarks were in reply to a recent 'Altona Star' article.

"This said rates could rise with a continuation of past loan money programming and the growth of services.

"Cr. Ginifer referred to his previous comment ('Altona Star' 12/8/65) in which he stated that the council should not vary the rate in the four-year period ending 1968 (when revaluation of the Shire is due).

"At the council meeting last week (March 22) Cr. Ginifer said it is council policy not to consider altering the rates until the new valuation in 1968."

"Point of order!" interrupted Cr. Lee. "submission irrelevant," was his comment.

"How does he reconcile statements council made two years ago?" asked Cr. Lee.

It was mentioned six months ago as council policy corrected Cr. Crofts.

He explained that the position was simply that he had taken in good faith the policy voiced by Cr. Ginifer and published in March, 1966, that there would be no rise in rates until 1968.

Cr. Crofts said he took the word of councillors who had been on the Finance Committee for a number of years and said there would be no rise in rates.

Cr. A. J. Fisher agreed the policy was reported in the "Altona Star" but said he had not seen it in the minutes. He pointed out that in 1965 Cr. Ginifer said that if services were to be continued rates would rise. Cr. Fisher suggested this may be relevant when considering the matter.

He also stated he considered Cr. Crofts was free to state that he would oppose a rise in rates, but suggested it may have been unwise before the estimates had been fully considered.

The excess of expenditure shocked him too, said Cr. Fisher. However, retrenching of engineering works could mean retrenchment of personnel. He suggested Cr. Crofts may not have considered retrenchment of council employees.

Perhaps it was ill-conceived to state he would oppose a rise before fully considering the estimates said Cr. Fisher.

WE MUST FIND EXTRA MONEY

He said he agreed with Cr. Crofts desire, but added, "We must find extra money, if the rates have to go up they will have to and you are in charge of this committee, so it is in your hands."

Cr. Crofts pointed out it was not all in his hands as he was only one member of the three on the committee and decisions of the committee must be agreed to by all nine councillors.

He recalled that recently the council had invited the Federal Treasurer to come to a meeting called by the council to protest against price rises.

"We are doing just this, we are considering a rise which will make the working man suffer again," pointed out Cr. Crofts.

He continued: "We would be placing further burdens on rate payers of this Shire and already in this chamber there has been the mention of the fact that married women have to work to supplement family incomes."

Cr. Crofts said he had no wish to see retrenchment of staff and he did not want to see a rise in rates even if work had to be curbed temporarily.

He contended the ordinary working man should be considered as the present indications could mean a 40-50 per cent rise in rates.

SINCERE

He said he is sincere in opposing a rise in rates and will fight to get the expenditure down and all councillors should agree to try and reduce expenditure.

Cr. Cresser said he re-iterated Cr. Lee's remarks and wanted to know how Cr. Crofts proposed to pay for the swimming pools and recreation reserve facilities promised.

Interjections from the gallery mentioned three swimming pools promised by other councillors.

Shire President, Cr. S. G. McIntosh, asked the gallery to be quiet.

Cr. Crofts said Cr. Cresser's question was not fair as it did not come within the estimates and suggested it was a "red herring."

FINANCE WAS HAYWIRE

Cr. den Dulk rose to speak. He suggested thoughts go back to the first meeting of this council when the new Finance Committee was appointed. He asserted the council had a desire to elect Cr. Crofts chairman of the committee because Cr. Crofts considered the "finance was haywire."

No one can say councillors have not treated him with fairness as the thing in which he was interested in has been given to him, said Cr. den Dulk.

Cr. den Dulk admitted he was not experienced on finance. Regarding the draft estimates, he said the first form presented by executive officers was not drafted two weeks ago, but prior to August. It was out much quicker than previously and available to all interested and all members of the Finance Committee.

When the draft estimates were approved to a certain extent, heads of the various departments had set the minimum money necessary to run their departments for the next 12 months.

The new Finance Committee sits down to its first meeting to consider the draft estimates and for the next five hours went through every item. Because of the lateness of the hour the meeting was adjourned.

Cr. den Dulk continued by saying that at the second meeting Cr. Crofts said at the beginning he would oppose any rise in rates and would say so in council.

Cr. den Dulk reported he said he was prepared to listen to any suggestions of Cr. Crofts for reducing the expenditure and Cr. Crofts suggested going over the estimates again.

Once again Cr. den Dulk pointed out he was not a financial expert. He said they went over the estimates and there were no suggestions for reducing the expenditure.

Cr. den Dulk said he is still prepared to listen to any suggestions for reducing the estimates. He asserts he would not mind meeting every night on the estimates, he would make himself available, but at each meeting he is not prepared to go over the work of the previous meeting.

Cr. den Dulk believes that if one member of the committee has a way of reducing expenditure it should be voiced. However, he pointed out the draft estimates could not carry on for months, people should know as quickly as possible and get the estimates over in as short a time as possible.

He said over the years the council has always tried to keep rates as low as possible and he suggested residents should compare the various rates of different municipalities as published not so very long ago in a daily newspaper.

Cr. den Dulk said this comparison shows Altona in a favourable position.

With all this talk on an increase in rates, maybe there will be an increase, councillors have to be honest, said Cr. den Dulk.

He continued, it is to the benefit of the council to keep the rates as low as possible and it has given the people of Altona the benefit of low rates over the last seven years.

"The important question here is that we must be frank and open and Cr. Crofts has not been since he joined this council," alleged Cr. Lee.

Cr. Lee suggested Cr. Crofts had presupposed how every other councillor is going to vote and beat the gun by making a decision before studying the facts. Cr. Lee asserted that Cr.

Cr. LEE APOLOGISES — IN PART

Continued from Page 1.

Cr. Lee said that during the course of the evening, he had occasion to ask if the photographer had any objection to taking a photograph for the exclusive use of the "Footscray Mail" and for which the "Mail" would pay.

Cr. Lee contends the photographer accepted his proposition and he then began working for the "Mail." He said the photographer admitted he was approached but now feels he has no responsibility to the clients.

Cr. Lee considers the Shire has no responsibility for photographs taken in the president's room and not commissioned by the Shire.

"If the photographer had objected he should have stated this,

Crofts could not find a means of reducing the expenditure and hoped to escape the responsibility of facing up to the position.

Cr. Lee charged that Cr. Crofts tried to escape the responsibility to live up to his election promise, had failed to prove his claims and opposed the rate rise in order to deceive the electors.

"In your opinion," commented Cr. Crofts.

"Yes, you prove otherwise," said Cr. Lee.

Cr. Crofts pointed out that Cr. Lee had promised to ratepayers three swimming pools when he (Lee) was elected to council.

Cr. Lee's reply that he did not wish to lower the standard of the debate drew laughter from the gallery.

Again Cr. Lee said that Cr. Crofts had claimed all these things and was side-stepping responsibility. He said what a shocking thing if men should be thrown out of work.

"If" this is supposition only commented Cr. Crofts, and added retrenchment was not mentioned.

"What about the man you sacked last meeting?" asked Cr. Crofts.

This is many men, not one, replied Cr. Lee.

Cr. Crofts suggested Cr. Lee's statement showed that he was not prepared to wait for the final report from the Finance Committee, but was prepared for a rise in rates. He suggested it would be manners for Cr. Lee to wait until the recommendation is finalised. Cr. Crofts said that, quite frankly, he considered Cr. Lee completely out of order.

EVERY DIRTY TRICK

However, Cr. Lee continued and said, "If there is no way of curtailing expenditure, Cr. Crofts is prepared to blindly stand by his statement of no increase. I am prepared to wait for the final analysis which may, may, mean an increase in expenditure. One thing I hate is someone prepared to get where they want to go while using every dirty trick he knows to get there."

"I object under the Local Government Act to the offensive statement of Cr. Lee," said Cr. Crofts.

Cr. Fisher asked the Shire Secretary, Mr. J. W. Waters, for a copy of the Local Government Act. Mr. Waters replied all councillors had copies. Cr. Fisher asked for a loan of Mr. Waters' copy. "It is home," replied Mr. Waters.

This shows up that the rules and regulations are not as widely known by councillors as suggested at the last meeting said Cr. Crofts, who duly lent his copy to Cr. Fisher with the request that he hoped the favour would be returned.

Cr. Fisher admitted he was one who had previously said he knew the Act.

"I ask for a ruling," asked Cr. Crofts.

Cr. LEE APOLOGISES

Cr. Lee said he was prepared at this stage to make a withdrawal and apologise, but he would get around it another way. He apologised.

Cr. Lee then claimed an apology from the Ratepayer Candidates in the last election for suggesting councillors whom he considered had been elected on merit had no initiative.

Cr. Crofts pointed out such a statement had not been made in the council chamber.

Cr. Lee's final comments were, "I never wish to see the debate come down again to the level it has tonight, but I think I have showed the true position and will fight the issues on proper facts."

"We should get back to the situation where the council was united in efforts working for this municipality."

Cr. Crofts report was finally received.

said Cr. Lee.

He said it appears the photographer forgot all this and delivered the photographs to the Shire.

"Now," continued Cr. Lee, "we find newspapers sort out our photographs and decide themselves which ones to use."

They have no authority to do this and it is wrong for any newspaper to be given the right to select their own photographs.

The position is clear, said Cr. Lee. He admitted that he did misjudge but only in that he believed the photographs were delivered directly to the "Star."

Cr. Lee said he would apologise for this, but only this. He added that it still did not take away from his mind that the photographer had not acted in "a proper ethical manner" by not supplying the photographs to the "Mail."

"LITTLE BUSINESS APTITUDE"

"This shows little business aptitude," remarked Cr. Lee.

Here the matter should rest, said Cr. Lee. "I only apologise for the one part," was his final comment.

"I second it," said Cr. A. W. Bond.

"This matter is not clear to me," said Cr. W. L. J. Crofts. He pointed out that the photographer stated in his letter that the photograph published in the "Star" was not the one ordered by the "Mail." "Is this a fact?" asked Cr. Crofts. "Is the one in the 'Star' different to the one ordered by the 'Mail'?"

Cr. Lee replied that as far as he is concerned the particular photograph was commissioned for the "Mail." All photographs taken in "that room" were for the "Mail." He continued that as far as he is aware the "Footscray Mail," like any newspaper, takes a series of photographs. It was specifically requested that these photographs be taken for the "Mail."

"Whatever arrangements were made by the Shire Secretary and the photographer I do not know. I was not aware the Shire Secretary requested these," said Cr. Lee.

SHIRE SECRETARY INTERRUPTS

Shire Secretary Mr. Waters interrupted to say the council must be fair to him. He recalled that no orchestra had arrived for the function and while he was out of the building arranging alternative music, he was not aware of what had taken place with the photographer.

However, he pointed out he engaged the photographer, Mr. Sutton, and had instructed him to take photographs of a topical and personal nature during the evening. Mr. Waters said he was quite pleased with the family group published in the "Star" and concluded with the remark, "I accept Mr. Sutton's explanation."

As far as I am concerned if this community orders photographs they remain the property of the council, went on Cr. Lee. He continued: "Surely it is up to this community to state which photograph is to be published, this must apply to all—it is a loose situation to allow people to go through the lot of them and pick the most suitable."

Mr. Waters interjected to ask Cr. Lee "how he thought photographs in the 'Mail' got printed?"

Before any photographs go out they should be approved by someone nominated by the council, said Cr. Lee. He added: "Maybe photographs they feel suit them, would not suit us."

"Don't you think I protect the councillors and look after their interests?" asked Mr. Waters.

Mr. Waters (who was absent when the photographs were delivered to the Shire Offices and left instructions for a junior officer to go through them) said, "As a matter of fact I was very pleased with the photograph published in the 'Star'."

Cr. Lee then moved that, in future, before any photographs commissioned by the council are submitted for publication they be checked by an appropriate member of the council. Seconded by Cr. Bond. When put to the vote all councillors voted for the motion with the exception of Cr. Crofts. The motion was carried.

No other motions were put forward.

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